

Pentagon: Reporter profiling under review

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ARLINGTON, Va. — Under fire following revelations that a military command in Afghanistan is compiling profiles of reporters covering U.S. military operations, Pentagon officials acknowledged Thursday that they were reviewing the practice even as they maintained that they were not making use of “positive,” “negative” and

“neutral” grades assigned to reporters’ work by a Pentagon contractor.

“For me, a tool like this serves no purpose and it doesn’t serve me with any value,” Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman told reporters as some of the affected war correspondents began demanding to see their secret military profiles.

Whitman told Pentagon reporters that he was inquiring about the issue, but he added that the Pentagon is not launching

any formal inquiry to the matter.

“I haven’t seen anything that violates any policies, but again, I’m learning about aspects of this as I question our folks in Afghanistan,” Whitman said. “If I find something that is inconsistent with Defense Department values and policies, you can be sure I will address it.”

Meanwhile, officials with U.S. Forces-Afghanistan acknowledged Thursday that the media profiles do exist, but they maintained

that no favorability ratings are compiled.

“USFOR-A has only used this information to in part help assess performance in communicating information effectively to the public,” USFOR-A spokesman Col. Wayne Shanks told Stars and Stripes in an e-mailed statement. “These reports do not ‘rate’ reporters or news outlets themselves, nor do we keep any reports on individual reporters other than personal information

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JULIE JACOBSON/AP

A U.S. Marine corporal pays his respects to Lance Cpl. Joshua Bernard during a memorial service at a forward operating base on Thursday in the Helmand province of Afghanistan. Bernard was mortally wounded during a Taliban ambush on Aug. 14.

Detention policy questioned after soldier's escape

By STEVE MRAZ AND SETH ROBBINS
Stars and Stripes

Army officials are investigating how a Special Forces soldier was able to simply disappear last week, a few hours after his conviction for the kidnapping and sexual assault of a German woman.

Kelly A. Stewart was not guarded, and legal experts point to a gray area in the U.S. Military Manual for Courts-Martial that leaves the securing of a convicted soldier to a judge's

discretion. It also requires that the government specifically demand the soldier be detained before sentencing.

After his conviction last Wednesday, Stewart was sent back to his on-post hotel room, which he was sharing with a fellow Special Forces soldier, and told to return the next morning for sentencing. Sometime in the middle of the night, however, Stewart got out of bed, left the room, hopped in a rental car and drove away, according to court testimony.

Stewart surrendered to the mili-

tary police less than 48 hours later, but not before he poisoned himself, according to his father, John. Stewart was treated at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, and on Thursday was transferred to prison facilities at Marine Corps Base Quantico.

John Stewart questioned why the Army did not do more to monitor his son; the German police had indicated that Kelly Stewart, who was a sergeant first class at the time of his conviction, might be suicidal.

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"I think we all joke around in the operating room. There is a great deal of camaraderie that develops ..."

— Maj. Syed Ahmed, orthopedic surgeon with the 121st Combat Support Hospital at Yongsan Garrison in Seoul, on the similarities between his real-life duties and the TV show M*A*S*H

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Guard: Convicted soldiers not escorted until after sentencing

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"I don't know how they could let him get away knowing that he was [suicidal]," John Stewart said.

Stewart's case is one of several in recent years in which a servicemember was able to either escape or, in one case, commit suicide soon after a conviction.

Under current courts-martial regulations, the unit of the soldier on trial, in coordination with prosecutors, ensures that the accused is present in court at the proper time, is in proper uniform and is accounted for at all times during and after the trial, according to a U.S. Army Europe statement.

Stewart was not being escorted or guarded at the time he fled because he had yet to be sentenced, according to the 7th Army Joint Multinational Training Command. "Escorts normally begin their formal duties of physically controlling the accused Soldier only after sentencing is complete," according to an e-mail from JMTC.

It is the responsibility of the government to make sure the unit knows what its obligations are in a court-martial, said civilian attorney David Court, who represented Stewart in the case and has defended thousands of U.S. troops in courts-martial in Europe over the last 30 years.

"Is someone criminally responsible? I doubt it," Court said. "Maybe someone was derelict in their duty. I'm not sure."

USAREUR officials said the incident is under investigation and "appropriate action" will be taken when the investigation concludes. That investigation will determine whether standard operating procedures need to be amended, JMTC officials say.

Walter Cox, a former chief



In February 2008, Air Force Maj. Mark Seldes was deemed missing after failing to appear for the sentencing phase of his court-martial at Kunsan Air Base, South Korea.

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justice of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces and head of the 2009 Commission on Military Justice, said the Manual for Courts-Martial does not require that a convicted soldier be secured, but it can be done. The government, he said, can ask a judge to confine convicted soldiers it deems to be flight risks, who might commit further crimes, or who seem likely to hurt themselves.

"It's a discretionary decision," Cox said.

Defense lawyers have argued that a situation in which MPs were ordered to watch over a convicted troop awaiting sentencing could possibly be construed as subjecting the convict to unjust pretrial punishment.

"Even once he's convicted, he could get no sentence," David Court said. "Is that pretrial punishment? I don't know if they would consider that pretrial punishment."

No one who is restrained pending trial may be subjected to punishment or penalty for the offense that is the basis for that restraint, according to Rule 304 in the U.S. Military Manual for Courts-Martial.

But pretrial restraint is not akin to punishment, Cox said. Whether a soldier is secured, and how, can be debated among opposing lawyers and the judge, and then the judge has the ultimate decision, Cox said. Convicted soldiers can be required to turn over their passports, check in with MPs or be placed in the confinement fa-

cility in Mannheim.

"What you can't do," Cox said, "is have [restraint] so onerous that it amounts to punishment. It can't be punitive."

Phil Cave, a retired Navy judge advocate now in private practice, believes that the fast process of convicting and then sentencing soldiers is partly to blame for the recent spate of escapes.

"You're guilty and then you're sentenced in one gulp," Cave said. "They have this actual shock. And it's such an emotional situation that they panic."

In civilian courts, the conviction and sentencing phases of a trial are separated, which allows those who are convicted a respite while they are out on bond.

"There is time to decompress," Cave said.

Cox said he has heard others in the military justice system make similar arguments about giving soldiers time between conviction and sentencing, and he has even seen commanders give senior enlisted officers a few weeks before sending them to prison. But Cave and Cox acknowledged that the military justice system lacks the necessary infrastructure to allow soldiers such a reprieve.

Cox said the issue of how soldiers facing courts-martial are guarded is not being looked at in the current commission, which will be completed soon, and he has not heard of any other military judicial boards looking into it.

"But I think it's a very interesting issue," he said, "that some-

body needs to give a serious thought to."

In civilian federal court, pretrial and pre-sentencing confinement also is up to the discretion of the judge, said Christian Capece, an assistant federal defender in Charleston, W.Va., and a former U.S. Marine Corps defense attorney.

In the rare instance where a defendant is out on bond pending trial for a violent felony, it's likely the judge would revoke that bond once the person pleads guilty or is convicted, Capece said, because of the likelihood that person may flee or pose a risk to the community.

"The person has now been proven in a court of law they're dangerous, that they are a violent person," Capece said, and could be facing many years in prison. "Most judges would say 'I'm going to revoke your bond until the sentencing hearing.'"

Examples from courts-martial during recent years show lax oversight of accused and/or convicted troops.

In May, Army Sgt. Cuauhtemoc "Temo" Gonzalez Jr. apparently shot and killed himself outside U.S. Forces Korea headquarters at Yongsan Garrison after he had just been sentenced in connection with an improper relationship with a superior. Court-martial security procedures at Yongsan were being reviewed as a result of Gonzalez's death, Army officials said.

In February 2008, Air Force Maj. Mark Seldes was deemed missing after failing to appear for the sentencing phase of his court-martial at Kunsan Air Base, South Korea. Seldes, already convicted of rape, was found on base the following day and arrested.

In April 2000, Army Spc. Christopher McCarthy, initially detained by the military, fled military custody in Seoul, South Korea, hours before his court-martial for murder was to begin. South Korean police arrested McCarthy eight hours later and handed him over to U.S. military authorities.

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Correction

An Aug. 26 story should have said a humanitarian assistance and disaster relief exercise between the U.S. and Chinese militaries will be planned, not necessarily executed, during the next year.

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U.S. death toll in Afghanistan grows

August could prove to be deadliest month for U.S. troops during war

By AMIR SHAH

The Associated Press

KABUL — A U.S. servicemember died Thursday in a militant attack involving a roadside bomb and gunfire, a death that pushed August into a tie with July as the deadliest months of the eight-year war.

The death brings to 44 the number of U.S. troops who have died in Afghanistan this month. But with four days left in the month, August could set a new record.

More than 60,000 U.S. troops are now in the country — a record number — to combat rising insurgent violence. The number of roadside bombs deployed by militants across the country has skyrocketed, and U.S. forces have moved into new and deadlier areas of the country this summer, in part to help secure the country's Aug. 20 presidential election.

A statement from the NATO-led force in Kabul said the U.S. servicemember died in southern Afghanistan when the troop's patrol responded to the bombing and gunfire attack.

Meanwhile, U.S. and Afghan forces battled Taliban militants at a medical center in eastern Afghanistan after a Taliban commander sought treatment there.

Hamidullah Zhwak, the governor's spokesman, said Afghan forces were tipped off to the Tal-

iban presence after militants brought the commander and three other wounded Taliban to the clinic.

Insurgent snipers fired from a tower near the clinic, and troops called in an airstrike from U.S. forces, Zhwak said. Fighting lasted about five hours, and 12 Taliban were killed in the clash, he said.

"After ensuring the clinic was cleared of civilians, an AH-64 Apache helicopter fired rounds at the building ending the direct threat and injuring the targeted insurgent in the building," a U.S. military statement said.

Lt. Cmdr. Christine Sidenstricker, a U.S. military spokeswoman, said the clinic's doctor gave U.S. troops permission to fire on the clinic. After the battle, Afghan and U.S. forces met with villagers and discussed rebuilding the clinic, a U.S. summary of the meeting said. Villagers expressed "disgust" that militants used the medical center to fire from and that they understood that the action by Afghan and coalition forces was necessary, the summary said.

"The local villagers thanked the Afghanistan National Security Forces for ensuring all civilians were out of harms way before they were forced to use Coalition helicopters to engage the enemy," the summary said.



JULIE JACOBSON/AP

U.S. Marines listen to comments by commanding officers during a memorial service Thursday for Lance Cpl. Joshua Bernard at a forward operating base in Now Zad in Helmand province, Afghanistan.

Car bombs hit ahead of Shiite leader's funeral

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A string of car bombs exploded Thursday in Baghdad as Iraqi forces tightened security around Shiite mosques, shrines and political party offices ahead of the funeral of a top Shiite leader.

The car bombs targeted primarily Iraqi troops in the city and a northern Baghdad suburb, killing one and wounding 22 people, police officials said. The violence raised concerns whether Iraqi forces can provide adequate security when thousands converge to mourn the death of Abdul-Aziz al-Hakim.

The body of al-Hakim, who died of lung cancer Wednesday in Tehran, Iran, was to be returned Friday to Iraq. The funeral procession was to start in Baghdad and make stops in several cities in Iraq's southern provinces before burial in Najaf, Iraqi Vice President Vice President Adel Abdul-Mahdi told AP Television News.

The deadliest bombing Thursday struck near a U.S. military base close to Taji, north of Baghdad, killing one and wounding six people, an Iraqi police official said.

Hours earlier, bombs attached to three parked cars exploded nearly simultaneously in a primarily



KARIM KADIM/AP

Men cry Thursday in Baghdad after the death of Shiite leader Abdul-Aziz al-Hakim.

Sunni Baghdad neighborhood, wounding four police officers and two civilians, said another police official. Two more bombings struck later in the day in the Iraqi capital, wounding 10, police said.

his explosives at the Torkham checkpoint in the Khyber region, local police officer Sadiq Khan said.

Border guards were gathering in front of their barracks after sunset for a meal to end their Ramadan fast when the bomber struck, according to Jehanzeb Lateef, spokesman for the federal agency that administers the region.

From The Associated Press

Admiral's blog details 'serious' conclusions on Afghanistan outlook

By JOHN VANDIVER

Stars and Stripes

STUTTGART, Germany — Following two recent trips to Afghanistan, NATO's top military commander has drawn some initial conclusions about the war effort there, which he describes as "serious" but "far from hopeless."

Adm. James Stavridis, NATO's new military commander, wrote in a July 25 posting on his blog "From the Bridge" that the actions taken over the course of the next year will determine the chances for a successful outcome.

"[T]he situation is extremely serious. While I remain convinced that the Coalition, working with the Afghan people, will ultimately win in Afghanistan — the stakes are high — the situation is extremely challenging," Stavridis wrote in his blog posted at the U.S. European Command Web site.

"While my own thinking is still evolving, and I am awaiting General McChrystal's assessment, I believe there are four fundamental keys to achieving a successful outcome in Afghanistan," Stavridis stated, referring to a much-an-

ticipated war plan by Gen. Stanley McChrystal, top commander of U.S. and NATO forces there.

Stavridis' four-pronged approach:

■ Putting the Afghan people at the "center of gravity." Killing the Taliban alone won't bring peace. Reducing collateral damage will be essential.

■ Achieving an effective balance between civil and military activities with an emphasis on diplomacy, development and defense. Security will not be achieved by guns alone.

■ Effective strategic communication. Messages must be well defined and communicated both to the Afghan people and the nations engaged in the conflict.

■ Training Afghan security forces to defend and police their own nation.

"General McChrystal is analyzing how big this force should be, but Afghanistan is a big country and eventually this will be 'how it ends' — by training Afghans to defend and police their own nation," Stavridis said.

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Bomber hits key Pakistani border crossing; 18 dead

PESHAWAR, Pakistan — A suicide bomber hit a Pakistani security checkpoint Thursday at the main border crossing for convoys ferrying NATO supplies into Afghanistan, killing at least 18 border guards, police said.

The attacker approached on foot and detonated



DUSTIN BUNTON/Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

Airmen from Misawa Air Base, Japan, were returning from a trip on a base tour bus when they saw this fire, which turned out to be the result of a fiery car crash. Several airmen then sprung into action to rescue a man from the scene.

Airmen from Misawa AB rescue Japanese driver

Fire threatens man's life after crash

By T.D. FLACK
Stars and Stripes

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — U.S. troops from Misawa say they were simply acting on instinct when they rushed toward a fiery car crash on a dark country road Aug. 15 to save an unconscious Japanese man.

"I was just doing what I would want someone to do for me if I was in that guy's spot," said Senior Airman Thomas Sullivan, who works with the 35th Medical Support Squadron.

Sullivan, Airman 1st Class Justin Bunton, a firefighter, and Tech Sgt. Rory Stark, an explosive ordnance disposal specialist, braved the heat of the fire to carry the man to safety, according to base and Japanese officials.

They were part of a group of about 30 airmen returning from a trip on a base tour bus when they came upon what Sullivan first thought was a "big bonfire" next to some Japanese homes along the road.

When they realized that it was the scene of a car crash — and that there was a man lying on the road next to a car and garage engulfed in flames — they stopped the bus to help. About five or six other airmen — including Airman 1st Class Aaron Lauer, with the 35th Maintenance Operations Squadron — also ran from the bus to help.

Lauer said he looked to the others at the scene for guidance.

"I've got a firefighter, medical and EOD ... you know I'm going to listen to everything they're saying," Lauer said.

Bunton, the firefighter, was worried about trapped air in the car bumper impact cylinders exploding and whether the fire would also bring down the power lines.

They carried the man across the road and far enough away that "we couldn't feel the heat anymore," Sullivan said.



Lauer



Sullivan



Bunton

Someone brought a cooler with ice and water from the bus, and a Japanese woman from a nearby home provided a blanket.

The troops soaked the blanket and wrapped it around the man to cool him down before an ambulance arrived.

Lauer, Bunton and Sullivan all said they felt military training helped them react while others at the

scene simply stood watching the fire.

"It was intense — everything was fast-paced," Lauer said.

They also said it felt good to help a Japanese citizen, especially given the recent string of off-base drunken driving incidents involving U.S. troops.

"We do good things over here, too," Lauer said.

Japanese police and fire officials said it appeared the man had swerved to avoid hitting a dog.

The car struck a power pole and skidded about 60 feet before hitting the garage and bursting into flames. They said the man got out of the car before falling unconscious on the road.

Officials declined to identify the man, but lauded the U.S. troops for their quick action.

"If he wasn't moved away from the flame, he could have suffered burns that could have been life threatening," said Kenshin Kakizaki, of Towada fire department.

He said the man suffered only bruises from the crash.

Kakizaki said he plans to nominate those who helped for an award.

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'M*A*S*H' legacy lives on in Korea-based unit

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UIJEONGBU, South Korea — Tucked away at a Republic of Korea Army base here — in the city that was home to the mythical 4077th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital — are a few of the last remnants of the real-life unit that inspired the popular "M*A*S*H" book, movie and TV series.

On base, there is a Quonset hut that served as an operating room for the MASH unit.

Just off base is another small building that was once home to the real Rosie's Bar, which also found a place in the fictional works.

And across the road from the base is a small hill with a path leading up to a helicopter pad that was depicted in the openings of both the movie and TV series.

H. Richard Hornberger based his 1968 book "MASH: A Novel About Three Army Doctors" on his Korean War experiences as a surgeon with the 8055th MASH. That book was the basis for the movie and series which, like it or not, largely shaped how a couple of generations have perceived war-zone medical treatment.

Those who would staff the modern-day equivalent of the MASH units — if hostilities resumed on the peninsula — said that while they don't really mind being thought of as the Hawkeyes, Trappers and Radars of their era, a lot has changed in the treatment of battlefield injuries since Korean War days.

"It has definitely improved," said Capt. Alecia Williams, head Intensive Care Unit nurse with the 121st Combat Support Hospital at Yongsan Garrison in Seoul. "The equipment is different. The tents are different. The facilities that we use are more advanced now."

And while the doctors and nurses of "M*A*S*H" were depicted as highly dedicated, they did seem to spend a lot of their time cavorting, canoodling, boozing and carousing, which is not quite the way it is these days, according to one Army nurse.

"As far as the show goes, it's for entertainment," said 1st Lt. Meggan McKenna, a 121st staff nurse. "Some stereotypes might be slightly true, but it's obviously not real life."

"I don't think it bothers me, because anyone who has come into contact with military nurses quickly understands that ... the doctor, patient and nurse relationships are always professional and we know our jobs," she said.

Hornberger, who wrote under the pseudonym Richard Hooker, was widely credited with being true to the trappings of an actual Korean War MASH unit in his book, and that spirit was carried forward in the 1970 movie and the TV show that originally ran from 1972 to 1983 and has been in reruns on cable TV since.

According to Stripes archives, the 8055th moved to more than 20 locations on the peninsula during the Korean War. It was re-designated the 43rd Mobile Army Surgical Hospital in 1952, and moved several more times after the 1953 armistice that ended hostilities was signed, before settling at Camp Humphreys, where it operated until it was deactivated in 1997.

"Anything you can provide in a fixed facility, we can provide in the mobile hospital that we have."

Sgt. Maj. Nick Carey
121st Combat Support Hospital

The last MASH unit worldwide was deactivated in 2006 in a nod to the increased capabilities of combat support hospitals. Those capabilities were on display earlier this month when the 121st traveled to Camp Humphreys to get an 84-bed hospital up and running in 72 hours as part of a Korea-wide military exercise.

Second Lt. Peter Samuel of the 121st explained that while the standard combat support hospital is larger and has more capabilities than the MASH units of the past, their roles are similar — to serve as a "bridge" between battalion aid stations at the front and fixed hospital facilities outside of the hostile area.

The primary mission is to provide hospitalization, stabilization and evacuation, and also to return injured soldiers to duty in a timely manner, Samuel said.

"We practice for the real thing," he said.

Examples of modern medical technology and care are abundant in the combat support hospital.

Sgt. Maj. Nick Carey said the today's combat support hospital provides a lot more services than the MASH of the past, including OB/GYN care and CT scans.

"Anything you can provide in a fixed facility, we can provide in the mobile hospital that we have," he said. "We can do premier care. When people think of 'M*A*S*H,' they think of jokes and funning, but we're serious professionals."

Orthopedic surgeon Maj. Syed Ahmed said the system for getting the injured from the battlefield to the battalion aid station, and to the combat support hospital and on to a fixed hospital is much faster due to advances in burn treatment, wound care and fracture stabilization.

"In that sense, we are able to take care of patients a lot quicker and avoid some of the complications that you might have seen in previous wars," he said.

Hospital commander Col. Ronald Smith said his physicians "try to provide care at the same quality level that we provide in our fixed-facility hospitals, because we know that we're going to be held to that standard, even downrange believe it or not."

One area where art imitates life fairly accurately, Ahmed said, is in how the movie and TV show portrayed the banter among doctors and nurses in the operating room.

"I think we all joke around in the operating room," he said. "There is a great deal of camaraderie that develops because you are living in a confined area for extended periods of time, and you ... have experiences that are somewhat traumatic as well as rewarding."

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Republicans pan — then take — stimulus funds

Senators criticized for opposing bill, yet still seeking DOD money

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WASHINGTON — Georgia's Republican senators, Saxby Chambliss and Johnny Isakson, voted against the \$787 billion economic stimulus package, blasting the bill as a bloated government giveaway.

But their disdain didn't stop them from later asking Defense Secretary Robert Gates to steer \$50 million in stimulus money to a constituent's bio-energy project.

Gates didn't do it, but Chambliss, Isakson and other Republican opponents of the stimulus aren't going empty-handed.

Billions of dollars worth of Defense Department stimulus money is paying for repairs and construction at military installations in areas represented by lawmakers who said "no" to the legislation, according to an analysis by The Associated Press.

The request from Chambliss and Isakson isn't the only one Gates and other top Defense officials received before and after President Barack Obama signed the stimulus law in February. Their pitch stands out, though, because of the GOP's staunch opposition.

As Congress considered the legislation earlier this year, Republicans called it a partisan bill bound to make the size of government grow, not the economy. Not a single House Republican voted in favor of the bill; only three Senate Republicans did so.

Trashing the stimulus and also welcoming the money is a sore point for Democrats who say the GOP can't have it both ways.

But Republicans say there's no inconsistency in opposing wasteful spending while also backing worthwhile projects.

The Pentagon is staying out of the fight. Navy Cmdr. Darryn James, a Pentagon spokesman, said political considerations were not a factor as Defense officials put together the department's stimulus spending plan. The two main criteria were that projects could be started quickly to boost the economy and also would improve the quality of life for military personnel.

In statements, Chambliss and Isakson said helping their constituents is an important part of their jobs. In this case, it was Bell BioEnergy of Tifton, Ga., which is developing a process to convert waste into fuel.

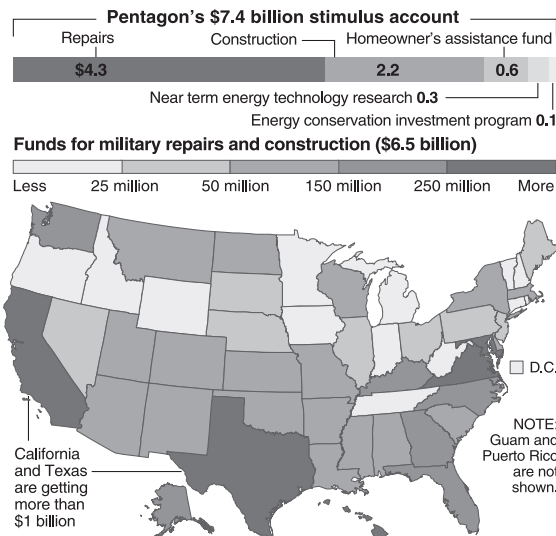
Overall, Georgia is getting more than \$200 million in defense stimulus money for work at installations that include the Army's Fort Stewart and Fort Gordon, and Moody Air Force Base.

Just a few days after criticizing the "staggering" cost of the stimulus, Rep. Brett Guthrie, a Republican from Kentucky, urged Gates to consider using stimulus money to renovate a military hospital at Fort Knox, a sprawling Army base in his district.

The Pentagon's stimulus spending plan shows no money for the hospital repairs. But of the more than \$159 million in military stimulus money slated for Kentucky, almost \$38 million is for other repair work at Fort Knox. Most of the total, \$110 million, goes to Fort Campbell, home to the Army's 101st Airborne Division. It's in Republican Ed Whitfield's district.

A few states receive bulk of stimulus aid

More than \$5 billion of the \$7.4 billion in stimulus dollars that the Pentagon received are going to 16 states for repairs and construction.



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Issa's district. The two hospitals are the largest individual projects to be paid for with defense stimulus dollars.

Carter voted against the bill, saying the stimulus would pile debt on future generations. But he hailed the \$621 million hospital project as a victory for the economy in central Texas, where Fort Hood occupies more than 217,000 acres.

Construction of the Fort Hood hospital is scheduled to begin in September 2010. Also planned for the base is \$100 million more in stimulus money for work ranging from road repairs to replacing heating and cooling systems.

John Stone, Carter's spokesman, said the congressman has been pushing for several years to get a new hospital at Fort Hood. The hospital is also supported by Rep. Chet Edwards, a Texas Democrat who chairs the subcommittee that controls military construction spending. Carter is also on the subcommittee.

The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee is logging Republican names into a "Hypocrisy Hall of Fame," an online catalog of GOP lawmakers who voted against the stimulus package yet are "celebrating the benefits of President Obama's economic recovery bill in their districts."

One of the most recent names added to the Democratic list is Rep. Bill Young of Florida, whose congressional Web site contains a page with dozens of links to help Floridians "take advantage of federal stimulus money."

Oklahoma Republican Mary Fallin joined her Democratic colleague, Rep. Dan Boren, in asking Army Secretary Pete Geren to use \$8.4 million in stimulus money for repairs to buildings at two Oklahoma National Guard sites. Fallin had called the stimulus a "Big Brother spending program" that didn't do enough to finance needed infrastructure projects. The money she and Boren sought isn't in the Pentagon's spending plans.

The Pentagon was allotted \$7.4 billion in stimulus money, the bulk of it for overdue base repairs and new construction. About \$5 billion is going to 16 states that top the Pentagon's stimulus spending

list, including California, Texas, Florida, Virginia, Georgia and Kentucky, where the military has a significant presence.

About \$1.2 billion is for new hospitals at Fort Hood, an Army base in Texas Republican John Carter's district, and Camp Pendleton, a Marine Corps base in California Republican Darrell

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used in the accreditation process, i.e. name, passport or ID number, media outlet, etc. ..."

Shanks also contended that the compiling of the reporters' profiles was halted in May of this year.

But those claims run counter to the actual media profiles, the existence of which Stars and Stripes revealed earlier this week. The profiles contain ratings and pie charts purporting to depict whether an individual reporter's work is "positive," "negative" or "neutral," as well as advice on how best to place a reporter with a military unit to ensure positive coverage and "neutralize" negative stories.

One Pentagon correspondent who requested and received her profile on Thursday said it

included her current work up through July.

Whitman said he was continuing to inquire about the issue with media affairs operations downrange in Afghanistan and said that his team has never requested such profiles of reporters.

Stars and Stripes first reported on Monday about the existence of the reporter profiles, which are being compiled under a \$1.5 million Pentagon contract granted to The Rendon Group, a controversial Washington, D.C.-based public relations firm that previously helped the Bush administration make its case for the 2003 invasion of Iraq.

Whitman has said repeatedly

since Monday that the Rendon profiles were never used to determine whether a journalist's request to embed with U.S.

forces would be approved or denied. But it remains unclear whether military commanders in Afghanistan have ever acted on

Rendon's suggestions about how best to steer journalists toward "positive" coverage.

Military officials have also said that the Rendon profiles are only used to measure a reporter's accuracy. None of the actual profiles reviewed by Stars and Stripes, however, address questions of accuracy.

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For more information on the controversy surrounding the DOD's rating of journalists, go to www.stripes.com/go/embed

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IN THE WORLD

Somali pirates fire upon U.S. helicopter, Navy says

Stars and Stripes

A U.S. Navy helicopter conducting surveillance off the coast of Somalia was fired upon Wednesday by pirates aboard a Taiwanese-flagged vessel, where some 30 crewmembers are being held hostage, according to U.S. Naval Forces Central Command.

The Somali pirates fired what appeared to be a large-caliber weapon at the U.S. Navy SH-60B but didn't strike it, according to the Navy. No one was injured in the incident and the crew did not return fire, the Navy said.

The Taiwanese ship Win Far was seized April 6. Since then, it has been used as a "mother ship" for the launching of other pirate attacks, most notably against the

U.S.-flagged Maersk Alabama a couple of days later, according to the Navy.

The helicopter was conducting a routine surveillance flight of the Win Far, which is anchored by Somali pirates south of Garacad, Somalia, according to the Navy.

The aircrew observed activity during the flight, but the helicopter was determined to be targeted only after a review of infrared radar video.

Lt. Nathan Christensen, a Bahrain-based spokesman for the Navy's 5th Fleet told The Associated Press that Wednesday's shooting marks the first time pirates shot at U.S. Navy helicopters conducting daily surveillance flights over areas where pirates anchor hi-

jackied vessels and await ransom. Christensen said four other merchant ships and 105 crewmembers are currently being held by pirates near the Win Far.

Piracy has increased in the Gulf of Aden — a crucial shipping route in and out of the Suez Canal — and elsewhere off the coast of Somalia, fueling a more than doubling of pirate attacks in the first half of 2009, according to an international maritime watchdog.

Somalia has had no effective central government since 1991, and the country's interim government is embroiled in a struggle with Islamist extremists with suspected al-Qaida links.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.



AP

Kim Young-chol, chief delegate and secretary-general of the South Korean Red Cross office, right, and other delegates inspect the reunion center in North Korea on Thursday. South Korea has proposed regular reunions of families separated by the Korean War.

Koreas work toward deal to resume family reunions

By KWANG-TAE KIM
The Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — North and South Korea worked Thursday to finalize a schedule for reuniting families long separated by the Korean War and to close a rift over whether the deal should include prisoners of war Seoul says are still held in the North.

Red Cross officials from the two sides were expected to reach an agreement on family reunions Friday at the end of three days of talks, offering rare opportunities for hundreds of people, mostly in their 70s and 80s, to temporarily meet loved ones at the North's Diamond Mountain resort.

The talks come as the communist regime adopts a more conciliatory stance toward South Korea and the U.S. after months of animosity over its nuclear and missile programs.

Earlier this month, the North said it would restart some joint projects, including the meetings

of separated families that have been stalled since the inauguration of a conservative government in Seoul about 18 months ago.

A sticking point in the latest talks was whether South Korean prisoners of war and civilian abductees should be included in the agreement.

Seoul wants the issue to be addressed and have some of those people included in the reunions, while Pyongyang insists the two sides only discuss family reunions, according to the reports.

South Korea estimates that 560 of its soldiers from the Korean War remain alive in North Korea, in addition to 504 South Korean civilians — mostly fishermen whose boats were seized since the war's end.

In other conciliatory moves, the North has agreed to lift restrictions on border crossings with the South and pledged to resume suspended inter-Korean projects in tourism and industry.

Russia charges 8 in case of missing ship

The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Russia has formally filed criminal charges against eight alleged hijackers of the freighter Arctic Sea, whose voyage is still heavily shrouded in mystery.

The General Prosecutor's Investigative Committee said Thursday seven of the suspects are being charged with kidnapping and piracy and the eighth with organizing the crimes.

The Russian-crewed freighter went missing this month. It was found by a Russian navy frigate in waters off Cape Verde, thousands of miles from its planned port of call in Algeria.

Russian authorities say the ship was seized in the Baltic Sea in late July after departing Finland with a load of timber. However, widespread speculation persists that the ship was carrying clandestine cargo.



COURTESY OF RUSSIAN TV CHANNEL/AP

In this video image broadcast on Thursday, a man identified as a suspected hijacker is led by Russian marines to a bus on the Cape Verde island of Sal.

Georgia replaces defense chief again

TBILISI, Georgia — Georgian officials say the country's defense minister has been replaced for the second time since the nation's war with Russia a year ago.

The spokesman for Georgia's national Security Council said President Mikhail Saakashvili announced the change at a meeting Thursday.

Spokesman Levan Gelashvili says Vasil Sikharulidze was replaced by Bachana Akhalaia, a deputy defense minister who also served as the country's prisons chief.

Myanmar's Suu Kyi to file appeal next week

YANGON, Myanmar — Lawyers for Myanmar's Aung San Suu Kyi said Thursday they will file an appeal next week

against the criminal conviction that put the democracy leader under house arrest for 18 more months.

The lawyers met for two hours Thursday afternoon with 64-year-old Nobel laureate to finalize details of her appeal, Nyan Win, one of the lawyers, said.

U.S. wants results in trafficking crackdown

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — The United States welcomes Malaysia's crackdown on human trafficking, but wants to see "results rather than rhetoric" before it can remove the Southeast Asian country from a blacklist, a senior official said Thursday.

Several alleged traffickers, including government officials colluding with them, have been arrested and charged in recent weeks after Malaysia was labeled one of the world's worst offenders in a U.S. State Department report released in June.

The prosecutions were "heartening," Luis CdeBaca, a top State Department official, told reporters at the end of a three-day visit to Malaysia where he met with government officials and aid groups.

Greece: Pilot killed in firefighting plane crash

ATHENS, Greece — A small firefighting plane has crashed in Greece and killed its pilot, in the first death reported during the country's latest wildfires.

The air force says the accident occurred around noon on Thursday on the western island of Kefalonia when the single-seat plane was fighting a small blaze near the village of Katelios.

The pilot's body was recovered shortly afterward. For six days, massive fires ravaged forests and communities around Athens.

From The Associated Press

Young detainee released from Guantanamo to sue U.S.

The Associated Press

KABUL — The family of one of the youngest prisoners ever held at Guantanamo plans to sue the U.S. government to compensate him for mistreatment and an adolescence lost to nearly seven years in a cell, his lawyers said Thursday.

Mohammed Jawad returned to Afghanistan this week after a military judge ruled that he was coerced into confessing that he threw a grenade at an unmarked vehicle in the capital in 2002. The attack wounded two American soldiers and their interpreter.

Afghan police delivered Jawad into U.S. custody and about a month later he was sent to the U.S. detention center at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Jawad and his family say he was 12 when he was arrested, and that he is now 19 years old.

The Pentagon has said a bone scan showed he was about 17 when taken into custody.

"I was an innocent child when they put me in prison," Jawad told The Associated Press in an interview at the offices of an Afghan lawyer association.

The family plans to sue for compensation in U.S. courts, said Maj. Eric Montalvo, one of the military lawyers who was defending Jawad. Montalvo, who finishes his military service this month and has already joined a private firm, said he will aid in the process but will not necessarily file the suit.

"I will not allow him not to be assisted," Montalvo said, explaining that Jawad needs intensive psychological counseling and tutoring to make up for his lack of schooling.

IN THE STATES

Mourners line Kennedy motorcade route

By RAY HENRY
AND DENISE LAVOIE
The Associated Press

BOSTON — Mourners gathered Thursday at both ends of a 70-mile route as the body of Sen. Edward M. Kennedy was taken from the Cape Cod home where he spent his final days to the presidential library bearing the name of one of his slain brothers.

The late senator's loved ones arrived shortly before noon for the private Mass at the family compound in Hyannis Port.

The flag-draped coffin carrying Kennedy was loaded into a hearse in a motorcade that followed a route that past sites of significance to Kennedy's life on the way to the library, which he helped develop.

His body will lie in repose at the library until Friday, a Senate office statement said.

At the library, James Jenner, a 28-year-old culinary student from Boston, watched a replay of Kennedy's speech at the 2008 Democratic National Convention, then placed the Red Sox cap he was wearing outside, where other mourners had left flowers, small American flags

and a stuffed teddy bear with angel wings.

"It was Teddy's home team," Jenner said. "It just seemed appropriate to leave him the cap. It symbolizes everything that he loved about his home state and everything he was outside the Senate."

Trudy Murray, 86, a native of Ireland who later lived in England, said Kennedy helped her and her family get visas when they moved to the United States in 1969.

"I loved Ted Kennedy. I cried yesterday when I put on the TV and saw that he had passed away," said Murray, a retired nurse who now lives in Brockton.

At the end of a barricaded road leading to the Cape Cod compound, a bouquet of white and yellow lilies lay on the lawn of David Nylan's vacation rental, and a U.S. flag flew at half-staff in Kennedy's memory.

"The Kennedys and Hyannis and the Cape, they just kind of go hand in hand," he said. "They're just a great family from around here, and people respect what they've done in office, and the good things they've done."

"Of course, they've had some black marks against them, but who hasn't?" he

said.

On Main Street in downtown Hyannis, flags, flowers and personal notes lay at the base of a flagpole outside the John F. Kennedy Museum, where about two dozen people gathered.

Someone had placed an old Kennedy campaign sign with a new inscription: "God bless Ted, the last was first," referring to his ascension to political greatness after the untimely deaths of his two older brothers.

Plans are being finalized for a private memorial service at the presidential library Friday evening and for the funeral Mass on Saturday morning at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Basilica — commonly known as the Mission Church — in Boston's Mission Hill neighborhood.

President Barack Obama is scheduled to speak at the funeral.

All of the living former presidents will also attend the funeral, said a person familiar with the arrangements who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Kennedy will be buried Saturday evening near his slain brothers at Arlington National Cemetery in northern Virginia.



ALEX BRANDON/AP

A tribute to the late Sen. Edward Kennedy is seen in front of a home in Oak Bluffs, Mass., on Thursday.

CIA tested sleep deprivation limits

By PAMELA HESS
AND DEVLIN BARRETT
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A year after the Bush administration abandoned its harshest interrogation methods, CIA operatives used severe sleep deprivation tactics against a terror detainee in late 2007, keeping him awake for six straight days with permission from government lawyers.

Interrogators kept the unidentified detainee awake by chaining him to the walls and floor of a cell, according to government officials and memos issued with an internal CIA report. The Obama administration released the internal report this week.

Though the detainee's name and critical details are blacked out in the memos, there is only one detainee known to have been in CIA custody at that time: Mohammed Rahim al-Afghani, an alleged al-Qaida operator and translator for Osama bin Laden.

The documents show that even as the Bush administration was scaling back its use of severe interrogation techniques, the CIA was still pushing the boundaries of what the administration's own legal counsel considered acceptable treatment.

The documents describe two instances in 2007 in which the CIA was allowed to exceed the guidelines set by Bush administration lawyers allowing prisoners to be kept awake for up to four days.

The first episode occurred in August 2007, when interrogators were given permission from the

Office of Legal Counsel to keep an unidentified detainee awake for five days, a U.S. government official confirmed. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the report's details.

According to the documents, the sleep-deprived prisoner was kept awake by being forced to stand with his arms chained above heart level. He wore diapers, allowing interrogators to keep him chained continuously without bathroom breaks.

The second incident occurred in November 2007. After again asking permission from Justice lawyers to keep a detainee awake an extra day, interrogators pressed to extend the treatment for another 24 hours, depriving the prisoner of sleep for six straight days.

It is unclear from the documents whether the two incidents involved the same detainee.

Al-Afghani, the alleged bin Laden translator, was captured in Pakistan in the summer of 2007 — around the time the Justice Department issued new guidance for the harsh techniques that could still be used on CIA prisoners. He stayed in CIA custody until early 2008, when he was transferred to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Sleep deprivation beyond 48 hours is known to produce hallucinations. It can reduce resistance to pain, and it makes people suggestible.

The State Department regularly lists sleep deprivation as a form of torture in its annual report on human rights abuses.



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Firefighter Christophe Campmas works a back burn in the Lake San Antonio area of southern Monterey County, Calif., on Wednesday.

Wildfires raging near L.A.

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Firefighters in Southern California braced for another day of hot, extremely dry weather as they battled two wildfires in the Angeles National Forest northeast of Los Angeles, while crews worked to contain another blaze in a rural area of Northern California that consumed a mobile home.

A fast-moving wildfire started Wednesday afternoon about 20 miles southwest of King City in Monterey County and consumed more than 3 square miles of grassy, rolling hills, Division Chief Curt Itson of the state Department of Forestry and Fire Protection said.

The fire was 30 percent contained early Thursday, Itson said, but residents of 20 homes near the tiny community of Lockwood evacuated voluntarily. The cause of the blaze was under investigation.

Northeast of Los Angeles, two wildfires fouled the air for millions of Southern Californians, but the flames were burning away from foothill suburbs and no

homes were threatened. The National Weather Service predicted another hot, dry day Thursday with moderate winds out of the west, very low humidity and temperatures as high as 104 degrees at low elevations of the Angeles National Forest.

Stoked by the arrival of high temperatures and extremely dry air after weeks of unusually mild summer weather, the 2.6-square mile Morris Fire in Angeles National Forest produced a pungent white haze that spread through the Los Angeles Basin and east into San Bernardino County. The smoke lingered for lack of a sea breeze.

"It's pretty bad, the smoke," said Natacha Cuvelier, a 20-year-old student at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles. "Once I stepped out of the door, I could smell it."

The air was considered unhealthy in many areas, and regional officials urged people to avoid strenuous activities, indoor and out.

Report: N.M. governor to be cleared in probe

SANTA FE, N.M. — New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson and former high-ranking members of his administration won't be criminally charged in a yearlong federal investigation into pay-to-play allegations involving one of the Democratic governor's large



Richardson

political donors, someone familiar with the case said.

The decision not to pursue indictments was made by top Justice Department officials, according to a person familiar with the investigation, who asked not to be identified because federal officials had not disclosed results of the probe. A federal grand jury began an investigation in 2008 into a possible pay-to-play scheme in which lucrative work on state bond deals went to a Richardson donor.

The federal probe derailed Richardson's appointment as commerce secretary in President Barack Obama's administration. Richardson withdrew his nomination in January, saying the investigation would have delayed his confirmation although he said he expected to be cleared.

Richardson and members of his staff traveled to Cuba this week for a trade mission.

Richardson spokesman Gilbert Gallegos didn't immediately respond to e-mail messages seeking confirmation that no charges were expected from the federal investigation.

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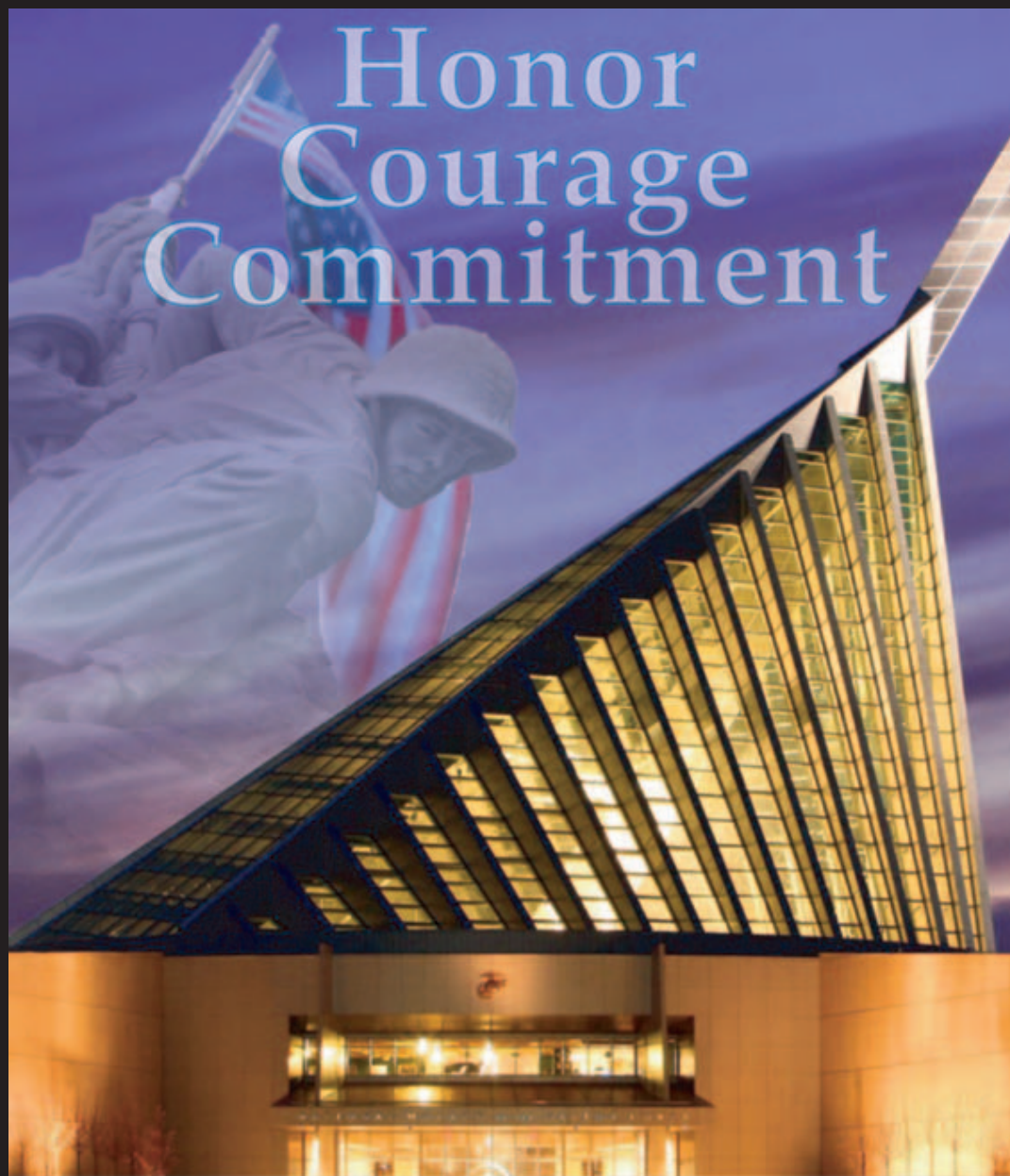
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INO Records

Skillet's "Awake" sizzles with the talents of, from left, Jen Ledger, Ben Kasica, John Cooper and Korey Cooper.

Skillet urges fans to wake up, be heroes

BY BRIAN BOWERS
Stars and Stripes

During a summertime mission trip, the teens in my SUV had two goals: help their neighbors and blow out the speakers.

One of the primary tools in that secondary effort was Skillet's "Comatose."

They loved that album and were eager to hear some more from the hard-rocking band fronted by John Cooper.

They weren't the only ones. Panheads — as Skillet's fans are known — helped propel the band's "Awake" to No. 1 on the iTunes chart in a matter of hours when it was released in late August.

"There's a real excitement for the record," Cooper said in an interview before the album's release.

"That's very unusual. I guess 'Comatose' put us in a new place. ... People are kind of foaming at the mouth for it."

What they'll hear is an album that Cooper said arose from the concerns swirling

around life today — war, economic turmoil and random violence.

"The things going on in the world really hit me," Cooper said. "... It was too much for me to believe. There's no way that people were doing these things."

That's when the idea for the song "Hero" emerged.

"I was saying in my mind, 'Where are all the heroes?'" But eventually, Cooper said he realized "the point isn't that I need a hero but I need to be the hero. I need to make a difference in the world."

It's a conviction that Cooper belts out in full force in the aggressive rocker.

However, he also realizes that some of that darkness exists inside each of us, a very biblical idea that spurred him to write "Monster."

"The Bible talks about the old self, or the old man. It's a guy you don't want people to

see," Cooper said. "... Sometimes you get cut off in traffic or something and that old guy wants to pop his head out. ... It's like the conflict between the flesh and spirit."

Of course that struggle is sometimes heightened by those around us. "It's Not Me It's You" is a powerful — and fun — song that explores bad relationships.

"Young people specifically relate to that song," said Cooper, who admits it's one of his favorites. "It's a song about someone who's always trying to bring you down. ... We all know what it's like to have friends who bring us down, who are poison for us."

The epic "Awake and Alive" recalls the intensity — and the string accompaniment — that powered "Comatose." Its lyrics highlight the worldly pressures on believers.

"It's dealing with the fact that the world doesn't want you to believe in God, to run to God with your problems," Cooper said. "... Make no mistake, we are in a war."

Personally, the song "One Day Too Late" resonated most for me. It's about grasping opportunities before they slip away. It's especially meaningful in the wake of that mission trip, when we had so little time to reach out with assistance and encouragement — to be those heroes Cooper described.

For Cooper, the song evokes images of his two young children and the regrets that surround time that slips away.

"I just get really busy with the band, with business, with doing all the things I need to do," Cooper said. "... Before I know it, I'm so busy that I haven't done the things that I want to do."

Although it covers many topics, the album's bottom line echoes its title.

"We have a responsibility as Christians ... to wake up and face our issues and face the world awake and alive," Cooper said.

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Double time! Paisley, Underwood to host CMA Awards again

Brad Paisley and Carrie Underwood will return as co-hosts of the Country Music Association Awards in Nashville this fall.

The CMA said Tuesday that both singers possess the humor and timing needed to host the three-hour show, which airs live Nov. 11. The pair, two of country's most popular young stars, hosted for the first time last year.

"We didn't know what to expect the first time. We had no idea," Underwood said. "Things are different from year to year, but the overall layout — we've got it down."

AP

Brad Paisley and Carrie Underwood — hosts of last year's CMA Awards show in Nashville, Tenn. — will return this year.

Seated beside each other, Paisley and Underwood said they wrapped up last year's show hoping to be invited back.

"We trust our instincts a little more now," Paisley said. "When they ask you to host and you've never done it before, it could be really bad. We all know of situations in various awards shows where that hosting thing didn't work very well."

"We've all sat through crickets," Underwood added. "Someone said something that was supposed to be a joke, and it's like, 'What are they talking about?'"

Last year, both singers performed during the broadcast, and both accepted major awards during the program: Paisley won male vocalist of the year and Underwood won female vocalist of the year.

— The Associated Press

Salma Hayek, Oscar De La Hoya among ALMA honorees

The stars of "Ugly Betty" and "Wizards of Waverly Place" will be among those lauded at next month's ALMA Awards, which celebrate Latino achievement in entertainment.

Honorees in film, TV, music, sports and behind-the-scenes categories will be feted at the ceremony, with one person in each category receiving a special achievement award. Other honorees at the Sept. 17 ceremony at UCLA's Royce Hall will include Javier Bardem, John Leguizamo, Penelope Cruz and



Hayek

Rosario Dawson. Salma Hayek will be given the Anthony Quinn Award for Industry Excellence while Oscar De La Hoya will receive the Special Achievement in Sports Television. The show will be hosted by comedian George Lopez and "Desperate Housewives" star Eva Longoria Parker, who also serves as executive producer.

Jacksons special will become a series

A&E says its previously announced documentary about members of the Jackson family will be expanded into a reality series. A&E's official word came only after "Entertainment

Tonight" declared the Jackson series was a go. But beyond acknowledging plans for a series, A&E furnished no details. No premiere date or number of episodes has been specified.

The original special focused on brothers Jackie, Tito, Jermaine and Marlon Jackson as they prepared for a concert tour.

Eddie Cibrian has filed for divorce

Eddie Cibrian, 36, is divorcing his wife of nearly eight years.

Court records show the actor, who has appeared on TV shows such as "Ugly Betty" filed for divorce on Monday. The court papers were filed in Los Angeles.

Cibrian and wife, Brandi, were married in 2001. They have two sons, ages 6 and 2. The divorce petition cites "irreconcilable differences."

Tabloid reports have linked Cibrian with LeAnn Rimes, his co-star in the TV movie "Northern Lights."

hot dish

Kate Gosselin to sub as a co-host on 'The View.'

Singer Patrick Stump of Fall Out Boy has been arrested on a two-year-old warrant for driving without a valid license. Sheriff's spokesman Steve Whitmore says



Cibrian

the 25-year-old was arrested late Tuesday during a traffic stop by Los Angeles police. He was booked on an outstanding warrant for driving without a license and released early Wednesday after posting \$15,000 bail.

The Who's Pete Townshend is at work on new musical about aging. Townshend, 64, says "Floss" will focus on a pub-rock musician and his troubled relationship with his wife. Songs from "Floss" will feature on a new Who album due next year.

Antwon Tanner, 34, who pleaded guilty in New York City to a Social Security number scheme will appear in at least the first several new episodes of the teen television drama "One Tree Hill."

— The Associated Press

Quick hits



The year's not even over, but Billboard already knows who its woman of the year is — Beyoncé. The superstar will be honored at its annual Women in Music event. Beyoncé will be on hand to accept her award at the Oct. 2 event in New York City. It's been yet another big year for the entertainer. She had the hit "Single Ladies," sang at President Obama's inauguration, had a No. 1 movie with "Obsessed" and embarked on an arena tour.

— The Associated Press



Bob Dylan is releasing a Christmas album, and is donating his royalties to charity. A statement by Columbia Records says "Christmas in the Heart" will be released Oct. 13. Dylan's U.S. royalties will go to the organization Feeding America. It's estimated that will help feed 1.4 million families during the holidays. The 68-year-old singer says it's a "tragedy" that people go to bed hungry, and he hopes he can bring "food security" to people in need.

— The Associated Press



Actress Alicia Silverstone prefers gardening in the buff.

Her naked gardening hobby began the first time she dug in her back yard when it was scorching hot outside.

She like to plow the soil and then hop in her pool naked to cool off.

Silverstone says the only time she'll go nude is in her private garden, not in films.

— Wireless Flash

Celebs to appear on kids show

Jake Gyllenhaal, Ben Stiller and Christina Applegate are just a few of the stars slated to appear in a new Sesame Street-style production geared at teaching Jewish-American children about Jewish culture.

"Shalom Sesame," a 12-part series for preschoolers featuring the globe-trotting Muppet Grover, will explore Jewish identity and traditions and will film on location at several Israeli sites, including the Western Wall. Big-name guest stars, including actors Debra Messing, Greg Kinnear and Cedric the Entertainer, will join puppets and children in segments filmed in Israel and the U.S., according to the series' producers.

The series is expected to debut around the Hanukkah holiday in December 2010.

— The Associated Press

Christina Applegate is among the celebrities who will appear on "Shalom Sesame," a series for preschoolers.



YOUR MONEY

Lower oil prices expected to block COLA

Higher oil prices last year led to the largest annual cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) to federal entitlements since 1982. Good thing, too.

Lower oil prices will likely block any COLA this year for military retirees, federal civilian retirees, Social Security recipients, survivor benefit annuitants or disabled veterans.

The expected COLA "goose egg" will be the first since Congress began to adjust federal entitlements automatically using inflation rates as tracked by Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). This year the cost of goods and services nationwide has fallen. No inflation means no COLA. So what happened?

"Gas prices," said Malik Crawford, an economist at BLS headquarters in Washington.

Each year, the federal COLA is based on the average change in the cost of a market basket of goods and services from the third quarter (July through September)

one year to the third quarter of the next year. Through July, the cost of living for U.S. wage earners has fallen by 2.7 percent.

"That's huge," said Crawford.

Though fuel prices are just one item given "small official weight" in the entire market basket tracked by BLS, Crawford said, "they have an outrageous impact" on prices overall because transportation costs affect the cost of everything else needing transport to market.

"It's not like gas prices are great" now for consumers, said Crawford. "They are almost back up to \$3 (a gallon). But they are still a full dollar below where they were last year. To go from \$4 to \$3 is a 25 percent fall. You go 25 percent down (in gas prices) and you're down 2.7 percent (overall). ... That's how the math plays out."

If prices climb sharply in August and September is a COLA still possible? Unlikely, said Crawford. Price data are in already for most of August, he explained. Only a spectacular spike in September, which is highly unlikely, could trigger a COLA effective Dec. 1 and payable in January.

The COLA last December was 5.8 percent, the largest in nearly three decades. To get that, Crawford said, federal retirees and Social Security recipients "really lucked out ... Gas prices peaked in the third quarter last year."

If no COLA is paid to Social Security recipients, said Dan Moraski, spokesman for the Social Security Administration, the law would protect many of them from an increase in Medicare Part B

any surcharge paid by Medicare users who delayed their enrollment in Part B beyond age 65.

Widows' SBP win upheld

A federal appeals court has upheld a lower court's ruling that the Defense Department unlawfully withheld from three military widows — and probably 400 others — full survivor benefit payments owed to them since Dec. 16, 2003.

On that date, the Veterans Benefits Act of 2003 became law and restored eligibility for VA Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) to military surviving spouses who remarried after age 57.

DIC, a tax exempt payment, is payable when a military member dies on active duty or dies in retirement from a service-connected condition. But a surviving spouse who draws DIC sees her Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) reduced by an equal amount.

Patricia A. Sharp, Margaret M. Haverkamp and Iva Dean Rogers argued that the plain meaning of the 2003 statute exempted them and any other widow who remarried after age 57 from the SBP-DIC offset.

The appeals court agreed, calling the government's arguments to the contrary "unconvincing," including its contention that Congress would not have targeted so small a group of widows for SBP offset relief.

"Hallelujah," said Sharp when told of the decision Wednesday. The remarried widow of an Army brigadier general said she is owed about \$96,000 in forfeited SBP. "I have reinstated confidence in the government of the United States of America for making laws and abiding by them."

Michael R. Franzinger, a lawyer for the widows, said up to 400 surviving spouses could see more than \$35 million in SBP restored over 10 years if the government decides not to appeal either to all 12 judges on the Federal Circuit appeals court or to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Government attorneys had indicated in the lower court that if the ruling was upheld on appeal, Defense officials would work to find and pay all impacted widows rather than require them to apply for benefits owed.

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EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates

Japanese yen (Aug. 28)	92.00
South Korean won (Aug. 28)	1,217.00
Euro costs (Aug. 28)	\$1.4635
Dollar buys (Aug. 28)	€0.6833
British pound (Aug. 28)	\$1.66

Commercial rates

Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
British pound	\$1.6179
Canada (Dollar)	1.0972
China (Yuan)	6.8328
Denmark (Krone)	5.2274
Egypt (Pound)	5.5300
Euro	\$1.4247/0.7019
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7510
Hungary (Forint)	189.83
Israel (Shekel)	3.8120
Japan (Yen)	93.63
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2877
Norway (Krone)	6.0771
Philippines (Peso)	48.84
Poland (Zloty)	2.90
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7503
Singapore (Dollar)	1.4442
South Korea (Won)	1,244.50
Switzerland (Franco)	1.0691
Thailand (Baht)	34.02
Turkey (New Lira)	1.5041

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	0.50
Federal funds market rate	0.00-0.25
3-month bill	0.14
30-year bond	4.20

Sources: Bank of America, The Associated Press

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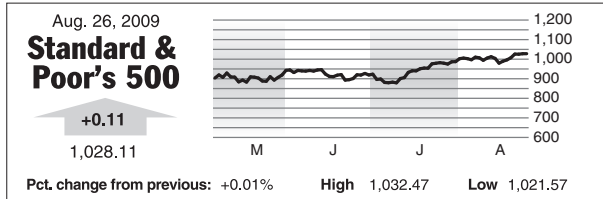
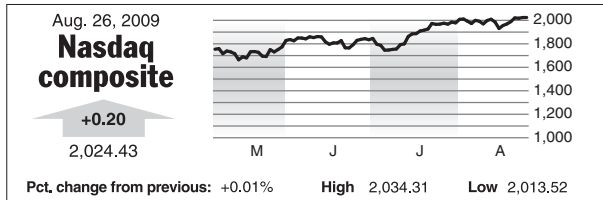
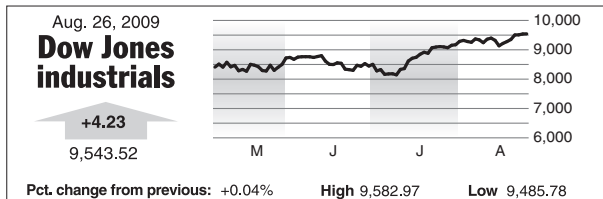
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premiums in January.

He said a "hold harmless" provision in the Medicare law would exempt about 75 percent from paying higher Part B premiums in any year in which Social Security pay is unchanged. The 25 percent not eligible for premium protection are individuals with modified adjusted gross incomes above \$85,000 or couples with adjusted gross incomes of \$170,000.

The premium protection would apply to Tricare for Life beneficiaries. But it would apply only to Part B base premiums and not

A DAY ON WALL STREET



SOURCE: SunGard

AP

Economy's small drop hints recession ending

BY MARTIN CRUTSINGER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The economy shrank at an annual rate of 1 percent in the spring, a better-than-expected showing and more evidence that the recession is drawing to a close.

Many analysts believe the economy is growing in the current quarter, but they caution that any rebound will not be accompanied initially by rising employment.

Americans may see little benefit from a recovery if jobs remain scarce and consumer spending stays too low to fuel a strong economic rebound.

The Commerce Department's new estimate for the gross domestic product was unchanged from the initial figure it released last month. The drop, while representing a record fourth consecutive decline, was far smaller than the previous two quarters. It also was stronger than the 1.5 percent decline that private economists expected.

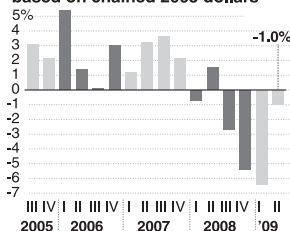
The 1 percent rate of decline in the April-June quarter followed decreases of 6.4 percent in the first quarter and 5.4 percent in the final three months of 2008, the sharpest back-to-back declines in a half-century.

Economists are heartened that the decline slowed to 1 percent in the spring. Many analysts think

GDP drops less

The gross domestic product measures the value of all goods and services produced within the United States.

Annualized quarterly change based on chained 2005 dollars



SOURCE: Department of Commerce AP

that the government's \$787 billion economic stimulus plan and the Cash for Clunkers program to boost car purchases will lift GDP growth to around 2 percent in the current July-September quarter.

However, the return to economic growth will not mean more jobs, at least at first. Economists believe the unemployment rate, currently at 9.4 percent, will keep rising through the spring of next year.

White House economic adviser Christina Romer said the unemployment rate is likely to hit 10 percent this year. That could discourage consumer spending and weaken any recovery.

GAS PRICES

Country	Unleaded	Super unleaded	Super plus	Diesel
Japan/Okinawa	--	\$2.596	--	\$2.513
Change in price	--	-1.0 cents	--	+1.6 cents
South Korea	\$2.721	--	\$2.962	\$2.761
Change in price	-0.9 cents	--	-0.8 cents	+1.6 cents
Guam	\$2.809*	\$2.939	\$3.049	--
Change in price	-1.0 cents	-1.0 cents	-1.0 cents	--

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Wounded face inconsistent discipline standards

BY KEVIN MAURER
The Associated Press

FORT BRAGG, N.C. — Soldiers recovering in special Army medical units have faced inconsistent discipline because the military hasn't adopted standards for how they and their commanders should act, according to a military review.

The report obtained Tuesday by The Associated Press said the units' leaders need better training and should do a better job of communicating with the almost 9,000 wounded and ill soldiers in the Warrior Transition system.

"The Army has a tremendous program for taking care of our wounded, ill and injured soldiers, but it is not a prefect program," said Brig. Gen. Gary Cheek, commander

of the Warrior Transition Command. “We have to do our best for each and every one of them.”

The review was ordered in March after The AP reported on soldier complaints that officers were indifferent to their medical needs and punished them for the very injuries that landed them in the unit.

“The lack of policy specifically stipulating Army expectations of Warriors in Transition contributes to misperceptions among soldiers and leaders and leads to inconsistent application of Army regulations and discipline,” reads an executive summary of the report by the Army Surgeon General, which reviewed all discipline taken against soldiers in Warrior Transition units.

The 34 Warrior Transition units were set up two years ago to help soldiers navi-

gate the medical system and monitor their progress and treatment following the scandal over shoddy conditions at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington.

Army officials said Wednesday they've clarified expectations since the review was completed in May, but stressed that a new standard was not created.

"This policy is basically a re-communication of things that apply to all soldiers with the added uniqueness of the WTU's situation," said Robert Moore, spokesman for the Warrior Transition Command.

Soldiers in the Fort Bragg unit told the Secretary of the Army earlier this year that they feel forgotten by the military and that combat duty would be better than the treatment they get now, according to a memo obtained by the Associated Press.

The Surgeon General's report suggested ways to improve communication between commanders and soldiers.

The review also recommended an additional training program for company commanders and first sergeants to better prepare them for command. Cheek said company commanders are now required to meet with their troops, one-on-one, to build a relationship.

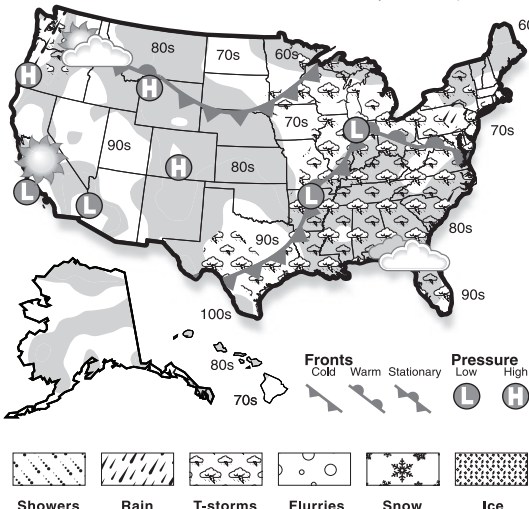
Some improvements are already underway.

Lt. Col. Terry McDowell, who took command in April of Fort Bragg's Warrior Transition Battalion, said incoming soldiers now have a timeline and a set of goals. It keeps the wounded soldiers motivated and allows doctors to set a target date to move them out of the unit.

WEATHER OUTLOOK

National forecast

Forecast highs for Friday, Aug. 28



Fronts Instigate Active Weather In East

Unsettling weather will develop in the East as fronts move through the region. A wave in the north will trigger storms in the northern area of the Upper Mississippi Valley, while another wave generates similar weather in the Southern Plains and the Ozarks.

Weather Underground • AP

Thursday's global temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	La Paz	59	18	Clr
Amsterdam	77	54	Clr	Lima	68	60	Cldy
Athens	86	69	Clr	Lisbon	82	64	Clr
Auckland	62	53	Rain	London	73	57	Rain
Baghdad	107	84	Clr	Madrid	91	62	Clr
Basra	119	93	Clr	Managua	93	75	Clr
Bahrain	103	87	Clr	Manila	90	79	Rain
Bangkok	94	73	Rain	Mecca	103	86	pc
Buenos Aires	88	77	pc	Mex.bourne	95	76	Rain
Barcelona	85	72	Clr	Mexico City	77	59	Rain
Beijing	86	71	Rain	Montevideo	79	56	Clr
Beirut	89	77	Clr	Montreal	74	57	pc
Belgrade	92	64	Clr	Moscow	68	48	pc
Berlin	78	66	pc	Nairobi	69	56	pc
Bermuda	85	79	pc	Nassau	91	74	pc
Bogota	66	46	pc	New Delhi	87	78	pc
Brasilia	72	62	Rain	Nice	83	74	pc
Brisbane	86	53	Clr	Osaka	84	69	pc
Brussels	76	52	Clr	Oslo	65	55	Rain
Bucharest	88	52	Clr	Panama	90	76	Rain
Budapest	86	57	Clr	Paris	78	57	pc
Buenos Aires	79	59	pc	Perth	68	39	Clr
Cairo	91	75	Clr	Prague	76	62	Rain
Calgary	71	53	pc	Rio de Janeiro	71	66	Rain
Caracas	93	79	Clr	Rome	93	71	Clr
Columbo	86	77	pc	San Jose	84	66	Clr
Copenhagen	72	58	pc	San Juan	95	80	Rain
Dhahran	116	86	Clr	San Salvador	87	71	Rain
Dhaka	89	81	Rain	Santiago	77	43	Clr
Dili	86	68	Clr	Sao Paulo	68	56	pc
Dubai	106	90	Clr	Sapporo	77	58	Clr
Dublin	68	55	Rain	Seoul	80	69	Rain
Geneva	78	63	pc	Singapore	87	79	pc
Glasgow	70	61	Rain	Sofia	84	55	Clr
Guatemala	91	63	pc	Stockholm	64	59	Rain
Hanoi	75	62	Rain	Sydney	71	53	Clr
Harare	75	45	Clr	Taipei	93	82	pc
Havana	91	73	Rain	Tegucigalpa	84	67	pc
Helsinki	69	48	Rain	Tehran	96	73	Clr
Hong Kong	93	84	Rain	Tel Aviv	89	73	pc
Islamabad	82	69	Rain	Tokyo	80	71	pc
Istanbul	83	66	Clr	Turin	80	64	Rain
Jakarta	89	74	Clr	Toronto	75	64	Rain
Jerusalem	87	73	pc	Tunis	95	76	Rain
Johannesburg	71	43	Clr	Valetta	68	78	pc
Kiev	89	83	pc	Vancouver	87	68	pc
Kolko	80	54	Clr	Vienna	84	58	Clr
Kuala Lumpur	92	75	Rain	Warsaw	85	58	Clr
Kuwait	118	87	Clr	Zurich	74	61	Clr

SATURDAY'S FORECAST



Air Force Weather/www.afweather.af.mil

Friday's U.S. temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	Casper	82	49	Clr	Erie	72	59	Rain	Jacksonville	89	72	Rain	Montgomery	89	66	Pcldy	Richmond	85	69	Cldy	Spokane	93	58	Pcldy
Abilene, Tex.	92	68	Pcldy	Charleston, S.C.	86	72	Cldy	Eugene	76	49	Cldy	Juneau	60	60	Rain	Nashville	86	69	Cldy	Roanoke	81	69	Rain	Springfield, Mo.	79	62	Cldy
Akron, Ohio	78	58	Rain	Charleston, W.Va.	80	65	Rain	Evansville	86	66	Cldy	Kansas City	77	60	Rain	New Orleans	90	73	Pcldy	Rochester	70	50	Rain	Springfield, Ill.	78	63	Cldy
Albany, N.Y.	73	63	Clr	Charlotte, N.C.	84	69	Rain	Fairbanks	60	60	Rain	Key West	90	81	Pcldy	Key West	74	56	Cldy	Rockford	74	56	Cldy	Syracuse	76	47	Cldy
Albuquerque	71	62	Clr	Chattanooga	84	71	Rain	Fargo	82	71	Cldy	Las Cruces	87	71	Cldy	Newark	87	71	Cldy	Salt Lake City	79	67	Cldy	Tempe	90	70	Rain
Allentown, Pa.	72	56	Cldy	Cheyenne	77	51	Clr	Flagstaff	86	44	Clr	Lake Charles	90	72	Cldy	Norfolk, Va.	86	73	Cldy	St Louis	79	65	Cldy	Tampa	90	77	Rain
Amarillo	87	60	Pcldy	Chicago	74	59	Cldy	Flint	73	54	Rain	Lansing	72	52	Rain	North Platte	83	55	Clr	St Petersburg	88	79	Rain	Toledo	77	57	Rain
Anchorage	62	60	Rain	Cincinnati	83	65	Cldy	Fort Smith	84	66	Cldy	Las Vegas	107	80	Clr	Oklahoma City	91	64	Clr	St Thomas	89	79	Pcldy	Topeka	82	59	Pcldy
Asheville	76	63	Rain	Cleveland	78	61	Rain	Fort Wayne	78	60	Rain	Lexington	82	65	Cldy	Omaha	82	55	Pcldy	Salem, Ore.	79	53	Cldy	Tucson	103	75	Pcldy
Atlanta	83	69	Cldy	Colorado Springs	82	53	Pcldy	Fresno	100	67	Clr	Lincoln	82	55	Pcldy	Orlando	92	73	Rain	Salt Lake City	95	65	Clr	Tulsa	84	65	Cldy
Atlantic City	78	62	Cldy	Columbia, S.C.	86	70	Cldy	Goodland	85	55	Clr	Little Rock	88	69	Cldy	Paducah	87	66	Cldy	San Angelo	95	68	Pcldy	Uapelo	90	68	Cldy
Austin	96	72	Cldy	Columbus, Ga.	87	69	Cldy	Grand Junction	93	60	Clr	Los Angeles	97	67	Clr	Pendleton	89	62	Pcldy	San Antonio	96	74	Pcldy	Taco	96	72	Pcldy
Baltimore	78	65	Cldy	Columbus, Ohio	78	65	Cldy	Grand Rapids	72	58	Clr	Louisville	82	62	Cldy	Perth Amboy	82	62	Cldy	Seattle	80	62	Cldy	Washington, D.C.	79	70	Rain
Baton Rouge	89	69	Pcldy	Concord, N.H.	72	43	Clr	Great Falls	85	55	Clr	La Crosse	90	64	Pcldy	Philadelphia	78	66	Cldy	San Francisco	77	66	Cldy	W.Palm Beach	91	77	Rain
Billings	90	63	Clr	Corpus Christi	99	74	Pcldy	Green Bay	73	54	Cldy	Madison	86	70	Cldy	Phoenix	113	83	Clr	San Jose	86	69	Cldy	Wichita	85	60	Clr
Birmingham	87	66	Pcldy	Dallas-Ft Worth	93	71	Pcldy	Greensboro, N.C.	83	71	Rain	Madison	73	55	Cldy	Pittsburgh	77	60	Rain	San Juan, P.R.	88	78	Pcldy	Wichita Falls	95	68	Clr
Bismarck	75	59	Pcldy	Dayton	81	63	Cldy	Harrisburg	74	61	Cldy	Medford	89	58	Cldy	Pocatello	91	52	Clr	Santa Fe	85	52	Pcldy	Wilkes-Barre	67	53	Cldy
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Caribou, Maine	62	40	Clr	Elkins	79	61	Rain	Jackson, Miss.	91	67	Pcldy	Mobile	89	68	Pcldy	Reno	90	59	Cldy	South Bend	76	58	Rain				
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OPINION

How Britain came to its compassion

By TRUDY RUBIN

The Philadelphia Inquirer

How could anyone release the only man convicted in the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103?

Does anyone really believe that Scottish officials sent Abdel Baset al-Megrahi back to Libya for "compassionate" reasons? Yes, the former Libyan intelligence agent is purportedly dying of cancer. But as a London Times columnist asked: Would the same Scots release Robert Black, the Scottish serial killer of young girls, if he were on death's door?

Clearly something is going on here that has little to do with compassion. Americans, who remember the Lockerbie tragedy with horror, deserve to know the real reason al-Megrahi was freed.

The most likely possibility falls under the heading "business and blackmail." The Brits have extensive trade interests in Libya, and Megrahi had become an obstacle to them. (No one believes British Prime Minister Gordon Brown's claim that the decision rested solely with Scottish officials.)

As Saif Gadhafi, a son of Libya's leader, put it last week, "In all commercial contracts for oil and gas with Britain, Megrahi was always on the negotiating table." His father, the mercurial Moammar, went out of his way to embarrass Brown, along with Queen Elizabeth and her son Prince Andrew (a regular visitor to Libya on trade missions), by thanking them publicly for their alleged role in al-Megrahi's release.

The British had been seeking to unload al-Megrahi for some time since Gadhafi's renunciation of terrorism and his scrapping of Libya's weapons of mass destruction in 2003. Gadhafi made clear that lucrative oil deals depended on al-Megrahi's repatriation.

Moreover, Gadhafi has been using his oil and gas wealth to blackmail Europeans into accepting his unorthodox behavior. Over the past year, the Libyan leader waged economic war against the Swiss after his son Hannibal, a reputed playboy,

was briefly arrested by police in a Geneva hotel based on complaints that he had been beating his servants.

In response, Gadhafi cut off crucial oil supplies to Switzerland and made two Swiss citizens living in Tripoli virtual hostages. After the Swiss president made a groveling apology, Libya promised to restore normal relations and to let the hostages go.

British expats were threatened with similar reprisals if al-Megrahi died in prison, according to the London Times. So home he went.

There is a second but less likely possible explanation for the al-Megrahi decision. Some argue the Brits knew that al-Megrahi wasn't guilty and Iran was the true culprit. So why not release him? (Never mind that a neutral Scottish court found him guilty.)

To lay that one to rest, I spoke by phone with Vincent Cannistraro, a former head of counterterrorism at the CIA who directed the agency's Pan Am 103 investigation. Cannistraro told me the evidence at first implicated a Damascus-based Palestinian group, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine — General Command (PFLP-GC), which was working on behalf of Iran. Tehran had authorized and funded the bombing, he said, as a reprisal for the accidental U.S. shoot-down of an Iranian civilian airliner over the Persian Gulf in July 1988. But this operation was foiled in October 1988 by German intelligence, which broke up a PFLP-GC cell in Frankfurt. The Lockerbie bombing happened two months later.

Cannistraro believes the PFLP-GC handed off the operation to the Libyans. The explosive device that destroyed Pan Am 103 was placed in a Toshiba cassette player — just like the bombs found in the Frankfurt bust.

"The methodology of the boom box was very coincidental," Cannistraro said. "To me, this meant that Libya picked up the technology from the PFLP-GC, which had active members in Tripoli." He added firmly: "There is no question in my mind that the Libyans carried this operation off."

Among the other questions that surround the al-Megrahi affair is what role, if any, the Obama administration had in it. After all, 180 of 270 passengers on Pan Am 103 were Americans. The British press claims Attorney General Eric Holder was informed in advance.

Once al-Megrahi was released, it was dumb for the Brits or the Americans to expect Gadhafi to refrain from giving him a big public reception. Indeed, the Libyan leader is planning to honor the convicted bomber at next month's 40th anniversary celebration of the coup that brought him to power.

Obama's engagement policy can't preclude serious consequences for Libya for continuing to glorify al-Megrahi. "The man who organized the hero's welcome for Megrahi was the one who ordered the Lockerbie bombing — Moammar Gadhafi," says Cannistraro. "He stuck his finger in our eye."

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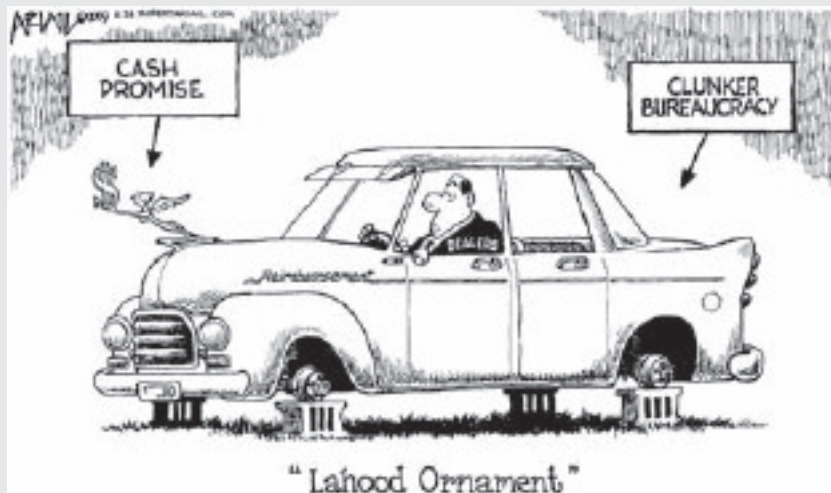
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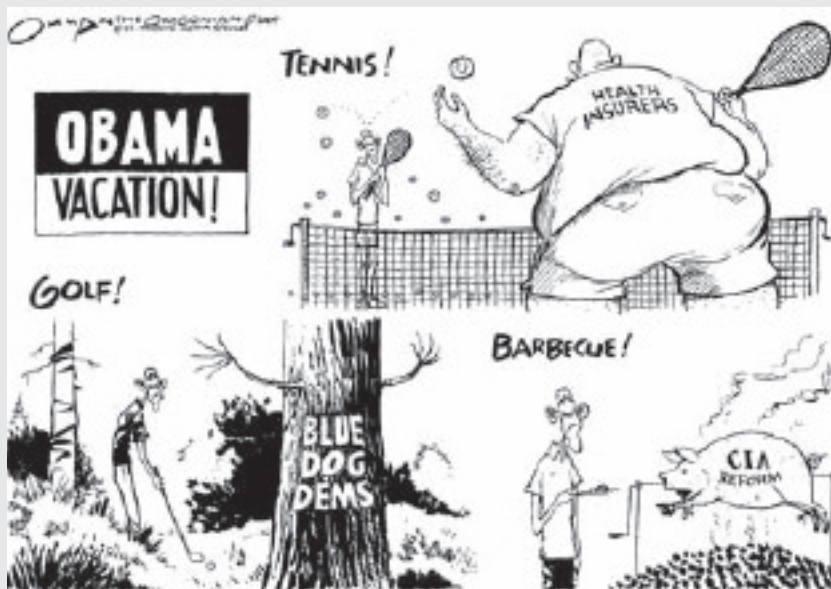
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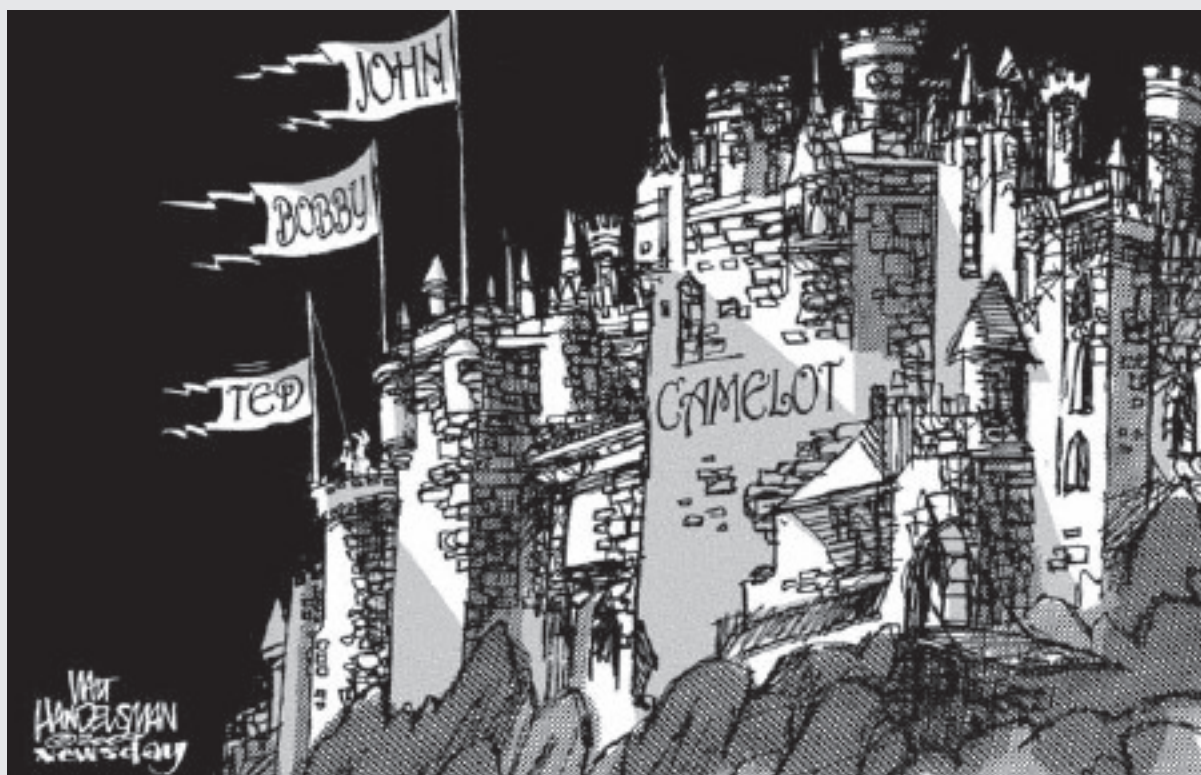
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Narrow house for sale at a fat price

NY NEW YORK — It's 9.5 feet wide and 42 feet long and is billed as the narrowest house in New York City. But there's nothing small about its asking price: \$2.7 million.

Located in Greenwich Village, the red brick building was built in 1873 and sandwiched between two larger structures.

It's famous for other reasons, too. Corcoran real estate broker Alex Nicholas said anthropologist Margaret Mead and poet Edna St. Vincent Millay once called it home.

The three-story structure boasts plenty of light with large windows in the front and back, and a skylight.

The current owner bought it in 2000 for \$1.6 million.

Nicholas said it's a place for someone who wants a little history.

2 killed in crash of ultralight plane

IN SWITZ CITY — Indiana State Police say two men have died after the crash of an ultralight aircraft in southwest Indiana.

Greene County Coroner Brian Gainey identified the victims as Dave Johnson of Linton and Mark Muzii of Bloomington. Their ages weren't available.

Trooper Eric Russell said the Federal Aviation Administration has been contacted.

Gainey tells the Greene County Daily World that both men worked for defense contractor SAIC.

Students sent home for wearing anti-Islam shirts

FL GAINESVILLE — A lawyer for a north Florida school district says a handful of students have been sent home from Alachua County schools for wearing shirts that read "Islam is of the Devil."

School district staff attorney Tom Wittmer said the shirts might have offended or distracted others and violated the district's dress code.

The shirts were connected to a local church called the Dove World Outreach Center. Church Senior Pastor Terry Jones told The Gainesville Sun newspaper that spreading the church's message is more important than education.

The congregation said a 10-year-old elementary school student was sent home because of the shirt. Three high school students were sent home the following day and a middle school student also had to change clothes.

Man with severed tongue to stand trial in 4 rapes

CA MURRIETA — A Southern California man will stand trial in the rapes of four women, including one alleged victim who authorities say bit off the tongue of her attacker.

The Riverside County district attorney's office said a judge in Murrieta ordered Ronald Douglas McGowan, 32, to stand trial after a preliminary hearing on 12 felony counts, including rape, forcible rape, assault with a deadly weapon and assault causing serious bodily



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injury.

Prosecutors say one of the victims bit off part of McGowan's tongue in self-defense during an alleged rape at her apartment. McGowan, of West Covina, was arrested at an emergency room where he went for treatment.

His tongue could not be reattached.

Probe started into Laotian temple fire

TX FORT WORTH — Investigators will try to determine what sparked a fire at a Laotian temple in Fort Worth.

Firefighters remained on the scene to monitor hot spots.

The blaze was reported in a large ornate structure at the Wat Lao Thepnamith. No injuries were reported.

Small plane lands in mall parking lot

NJ ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP — A small plane made an emergency landing in a mall's parking lot, stunning back-to-school shoppers, and the pilot and a passenger emerged with only minor injuries.

A flight instructor and student got out of the plane, and no one on the ground was injured, police said.

The single-engine plane, a



Eyes for fashion

Gwen Ingram-Jones models a pair of "winkers," decorative pants that appear to wink from behind as the wearer walks, in Everett, Wash.

Cessna 172, had recently taken off from nearby Essex County Airport in Caldwell when the pilot reported a rough-running engine, Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman Arlene Salac said.

"It is a great tribute to the pilot and the instructor's skill that they were able to land with minimal ground damage and very minimal injuries to themselves," Police Lt. Marie Romo said.

Judges in kickbacks case lose plea agreements

PA ALLENTOWN — Two former Pennsylvania judges who pleaded guilty to fraud have lost their bid to keep their plea agreement in place.

Former Luzerne County judges Mark Ciavarella and Michael Conahan were charged with taking millions of dollars in kickbacks to place youth offenders in privately owned detention centers.

Their plea agreements with prosecutors had called for sentences of more than seven years in prison.

A federal judge ruled last month that the two haven't accepted responsibility for their actions and threw out the plea agreement. The judge rejected their bid to get him to change his mind.

San Antonio sues over shelved water project

TX SAN ANTONIO — A water fight between the San Antonio Water System and a neighboring river authority spilled into court when the system sued the river authority for more than \$1.2 billion.

The water system filed a lawsuit in Travis County accusing the Lower Colorado River Authority of breach of contract after the authority's board passed a resolution that effectively killed a project to recapture wasted water for use around San Antonio and Austin.

The agencies had been working under a March 2002 agreement to study large-scale conservation projects that would have supplied enough extra water to raise the levels in Lakes Travis and Buchanan while supplying fast-growing San Antonio with more drinking water.

Man pleads guilty in meatpacking plant fire

WI MILWAUKEE — One of two brothers accused of sparking a \$50 million fire at a Milwaukee-area meatpacking plant with a military-grade flare has pleaded guilty to related charges.

Joshua J. Popp, 23, pleaded guilty to one count of second-degree recklessly endangering safety. His 25-year-old brother, Kurtis J. Popp, is expected to plead guilty to the same charge at his arraignment. The charge carries up to 10 years in prison and a \$25,000 fine.

Prosecutors say Kurtis Popp fired a flare his brother gave him and that it landed on a roof at the Patrick Cudahy Inc. meatpacking plant in Cudahy. Four buildings were destroyed and thousands of residents were temporarily evacuated.



Planted with community spirit

Rebekah Mende, right, looks on as another volunteer

plants some chives in a raised bed at Earl Boyles Community Garden in Portland, Ore. The community came together to rally and help replant the garden after vandals had uprooted much of it.



Washed in the Lord

Mike Colby comes up after being baptized by Peter Sheperd, left, and Jim Pelchat during a baptismal service in the Merrimack River in Hookset, N.H.



School year blessing

Lynn Phipps and other members of the New Hope Lutheran Church pray together during the church's

Blessing of the Backpacks at a morning service in El Paso, Texas. Church members prayed for teachers, students and then asked for a blessing on the backpacks in preparation for the first day of school.



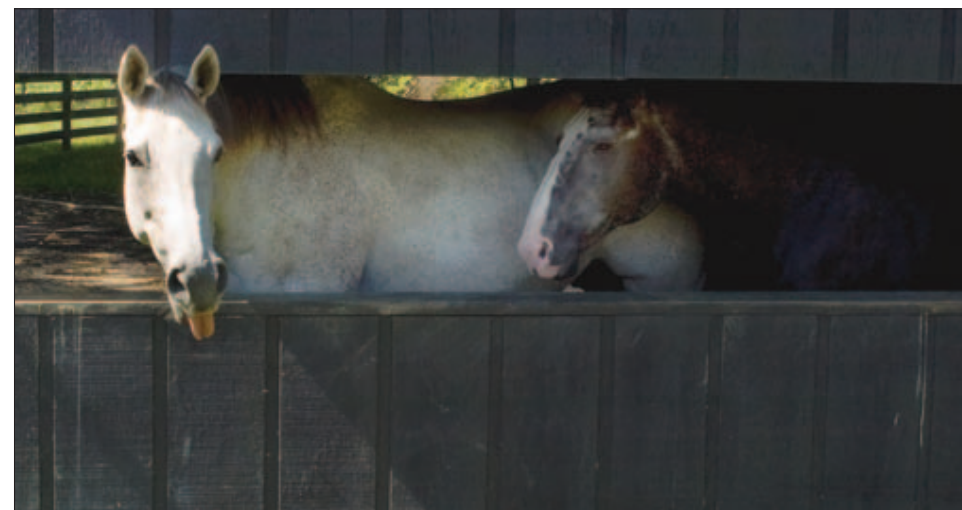
Ready to relay

Runners leave the Ragnar Relay starting line on Friday at Levee Park in Winaona, Minn., to begin the 195-mile continuous run that ends in Minneapolis. More than 3,000 runners participated in this year's relay.



A college tradition

Stephen Kerr, left, and Harry Cannon, both incoming freshmen at Old Dominion University, kick back in camping chairs while waiting in line for football tickets outside of the Ted Constant Center in Norfolk, Va. The two arrived at 9 a.m. and received their tickets a couple of hours later.



Finding shade

Horses find shade in a small barn along Bear Creek near Catlettsburg, Ky.

Police: Suspect took a cab in bank robbery

NJ ROSELLE — Police say a New Jersey man who told a cab driver to stop at a bank so he could take out some money failed to mention that he was going to rob it.

Michael Restaino Jr. of Linden was arrested when a Roselle police officer stopped the cab he was riding in several blocks from the Roselle Savings Bank.

Police say the taxi driver was apparently unaware of what his passenger had done.

Police say they found more than \$2,400 in cash and a holdup note in Restaino's pockets. They say he was not armed.

He has been charged with second-degree robbery and is being held in the Union County Jail in lieu of \$100,000 bail. Police did not know whether he had retained a lawyer.

3 held after causing train's emergency stop

CO GLENWOOD SPRINGS — Three transients hopped aboard a locomotive on a train hauling hazardous materials and triggered the brakes, bringing it to a halt in a western Colorado canyon, authorities said.

No damage or injuries were reported.

The Garfield County Sheriff's Department and the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway say the three got into an unoccupied "helper" locomotive at the rear of the eastbound train, blowing the horn and triggering the emergency brakes.

The two-person train crew called deputies, who found the transients had locked themselves in the cab. Deputies opened the cab with the help of the crew and arrested the three on suspicion of endangering public transportation, trespassing and tampering.

The train held general freight including hazardous materials and was heading from Provo, Utah, to Amarillo, Texas.

3 found dead in apparent murder-suicide, police say

TN MOORESBURG — Authorities were investigating a possible murder-suicide after three people were found dead in a barn in rural northeastern Tennessee following a standoff with police.

The bodies were found by officers around dawn after a 10-hour standoff. The deaths initially appeared to be a murder-suicide, said Kristin Helm, spokeswoman for the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation.

District Attorney General Berkeley Bell Jr. told the Citizen Tribune newspaper in Morristown that those found dead were Darran Blevins, his ex-stepfather, Dennis Christian, and Christian's live-in girlfriend, Brandy Seal.

Berkley said authorities had been called to the residence before to settle disputes between Blevins and Christian.

Ex-student arrested in school explosions

CA SAN MATEO — A 17-year-old boy with a sword and homemade pipe bombs attached to his body was arrested

after he detonated two of the bombs at a Northern California high school and was tackled by a teacher, authorities said.

The blasts caused no serious damage, and no injuries were reported, police said.

The boy set off the bombs around 8 a.m. after walking into Hillsdale High School in San Mateo with at least 10 explosive devices attached to a vest he was wearing, said police Lt. Mike Brunicaudi. He also was carrying a chain saw.

The name of the boy, a former student at the high school, was not released because he is a minor, authorities said. Investigators have not determined a motive.

Newspaper still publishes after fire

OK ANADARKO — A weekend fire that destroyed the building that housed The Anadarko Daily News didn't stop the newspaper from publishing.

The fire that began in a bar next door to the newspaper in southwest Oklahoma destroyed, among other things, a 1962 printing press and 60 rolls of newsprint weighing 1,000 pounds each. The newspaper is being laid out in a nearby art gallery and printed at the El Reno Tribune, Daily News publisher and editor Carolyn McBride said.

"People said we lost the newspaper," McBride said as the rest of the newspaper's 14 employees scurried around, working to make their deadline. "We said, 'No, we're just around the corner.' We lost our building. We didn't lose our newspaper, because the newspaper is in our spirit."

Fire, explosions rock chemical factory

MI DETROIT — Explosions and a fire at a chemical factory forced firefighters to evacuate employees and police to caution nearby residents to stay inside their homes.

Several explosions were heard from inside Diversified Chemical Technologies Inc., where dense black smoke billowed from the blaze. No injuries were reported and clean up work has now begun.

The company produces chemicals for clients ranging from the automotive to food and beverage industries.

Maui mayor looks to get rid of injection wells

HI LAHAINA — Maui Mayor Charmaine Tavares wants to do away with the county's 18 wastewater injection wells.

She says the effort could take a decade or so.

Injection wells are used to pour treated wastewater back into the water table. The wells are blamed by many for killing reefs and choking fish with algae blooms.

The wells decant nearly 9 million gallons of treated wastewater down steel pipes that can sink 385 feet into the ground.

Tavares' first step is to address the 3 million to 5 million gallons of treated wastewater that the Lahaina Wastewater Reclamation Facility puts into four injection wells every day.

The wastewater would be used to grow algae in lined holding ponds.

Stories and photos from wire services

Horoscope

The moon enters Capricorn, joining the sun in an earth sign. There is work to be done and the most successful will be the ones who aren't afraid to get their hands dirty. It may not happen on the job site, though — it's more likely the kind of work that makes our lives meaningful. Put your efforts into creating fun and understanding in relationships.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (AUGUST 29).

This year brings many unique and gratifying experiences. A change you've long considered will be relatively easy to make in September. Family unrest is settled in time for a joyous holiday season, largely because of your selflessness and solution-oriented approach. A loving commitment is sealed in February. Gemini and Scorpio adore you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). No one can be "on" all of the time, but you'll do your best to prove that theory wrong as you complete 100 small tasks by the end of the day. This you do with great charm.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Relationships get tricky. There's a miscommunication to clear up or move past. Knowing that others might be touchy helps you listen more intently and speak with sensitivity.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your feelings for someone are more intense than you let on. You're wise to hold back, for a number of reasons. For instance, you may feel differently tomorrow. And if not, going slow adds excitement to this drama.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll be around the non-competitive, non-judgmental people who accept you "as is." However, don't get too comfortable. You may not have to prove anything to them, but you should still prove it to yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). "Live and let live" is an adage that doesn't apply to minors. Young people need

someone to barge into their business. You might be so bold as to structure their days with a written schedule. They will thrive under your order.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Getting something you wanted may not be as satisfying as you thought it would be. Make sure that you are really following the urgings of your heart and not the cravings of your ego.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If you travel solo, or with one other person, it's favorable to "wing it." However, in groups any larger, you need a plan. Reservations are ideal. You're the ideal activities leader, so step up without fear of coming off too bossy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Friends will listen more intently to you than usual. They want to be in on your adventures, party to your escapades and privy to your information. You'll enjoy this wave of interest and attention.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You are true blue. When family makes a request, you'll honor it immediately. When a friend needs you, you'll be there. As for your own needs, you'll handle them well, too. You'll do what you say you're going to do.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Avoid burn out. Taking a day off from the usual routine is essential to your productivity. Find a new location and a different rhythm. Nudge yourself away from anything that seems too familiar.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll feel a responsibility to keep others entertained. Your history has a tendency to change in the telling. Your mind for details will be overcome by your love of excitement. Your audience will be riveted.

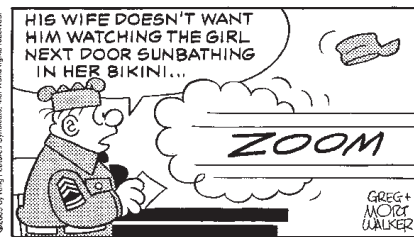
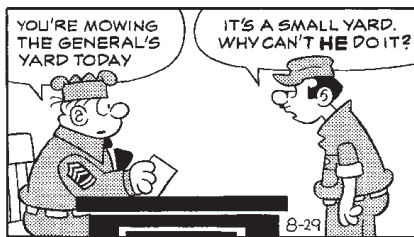
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Moments of introspection should bring you solace and strength. If not, something is amiss. Check the tone of your self-talk. Make sure your language is gentle and encouraging.

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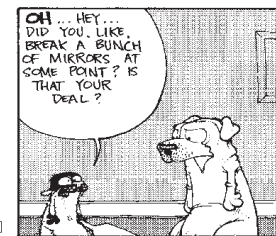
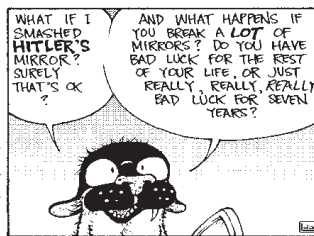
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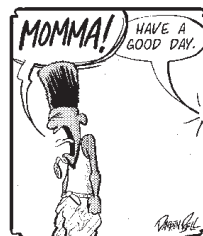
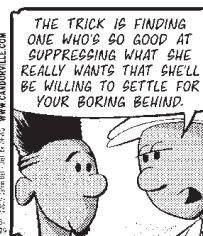
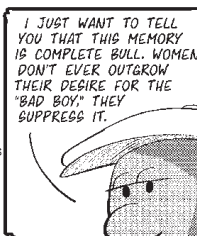
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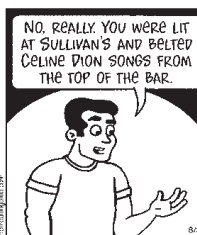
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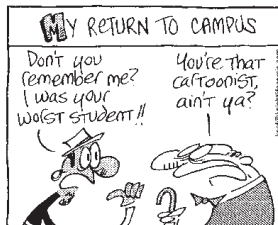
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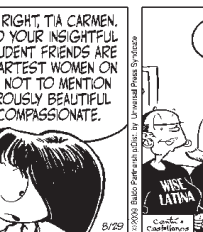
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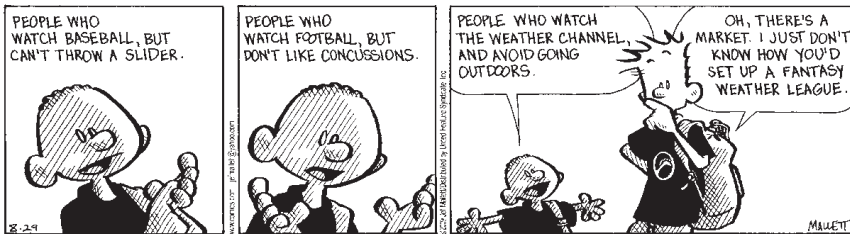
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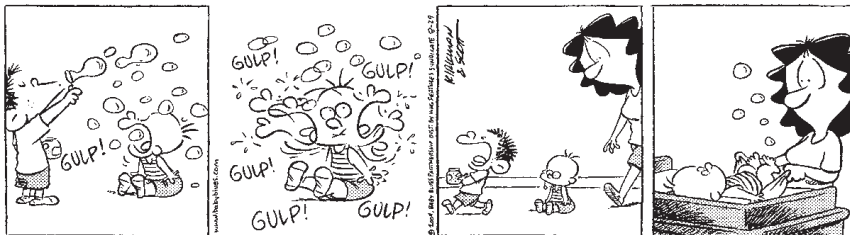
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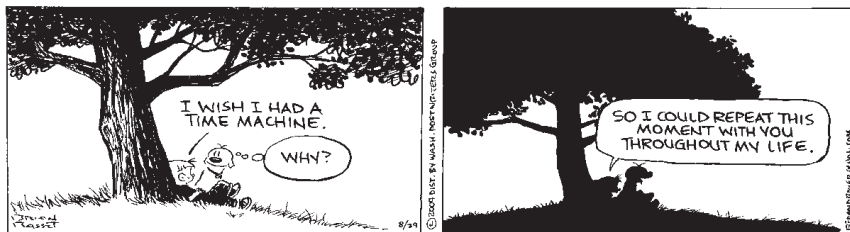
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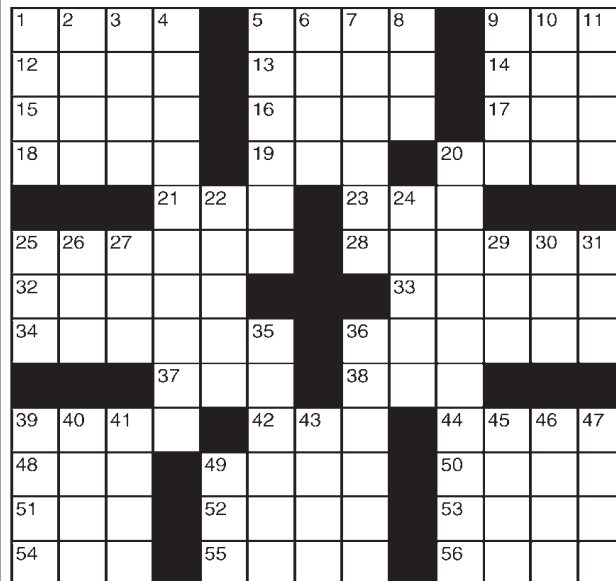
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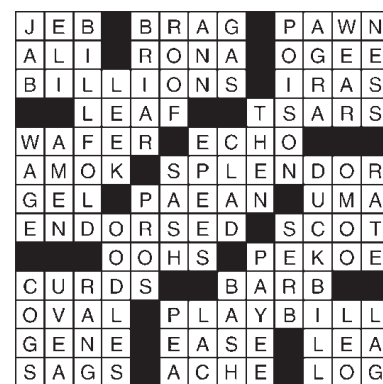
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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: C equals R

Student seeks more than friendship

Dear Abby: I'm a 22-year-old male who has never been in a serious relationship. About six months ago, I went away to grad school and met a girl. We have become good friends. We talk a lot and I flirt, but I'm not sure if she's flirting back.

She laughs at my stupid jokes and touches me when we joke around, but I think she may regard me as just a friend. I enjoy having her as a friend, but I can't stop thinking about how I'd like to be more than just friends. Should I take the chance and tell her how I feel and risk our friendship — or let things remain the way they are?

— Wants More in New Jersey
Dear Wants More: Take the chance and tell her. Faint heart never won fair lady. A clue that she might be mutually attracted to you is the fact that she touches

you. If she isn't attracted to you, you can still be friends — but you'll be psychologically free to look elsewhere for romance. Please write back and tell me what happens — I'm dying to know.

Dear Abby



Dear Abby: I have just learned that my older sister, "Lindy" (who is currently living with our parents), has been married for two months. I'm the only one who knows. Lindy's husband moved out of state to take a temporary job.

I know if my parents knew, they'd be upset and would no longer allow her to live with them. Their position is

if you're old enough to get married, you should be financially independent.

As it stands, she is currently on their medical insurance, pays no rent and is attending school on their dollar.

She and her husband had planned to keep this a secret from everyone. I just found out, and it makes me sick. She's getting a free ride at my parents' expense.

I promised Lindy I'd keep her secret, but I think what she's doing is wrong and has the potential to hurt my parents financially and emotionally. I am tempted to tell them anyway. How do you think I should handle this?

— I've Got A Secret in Utah
Dear Got A Secret: You should strongly encourage your sister to level with your parents for the reasons you stated. But do not betray her confidence because if you do, she will never confide in you again. It's not as though Lindy is on drugs, unmarried and pregnant or in a life-threatening situation. Your parents will find out eventually, and she'll face the music then.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at <http://www.ueexpress.com/dearabby>
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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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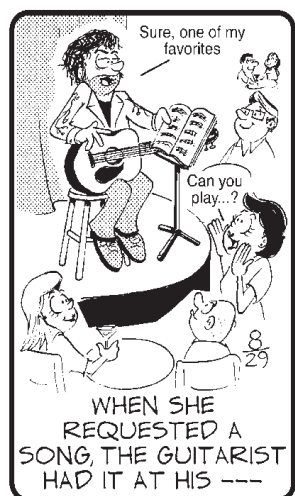
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(Answers Monday)

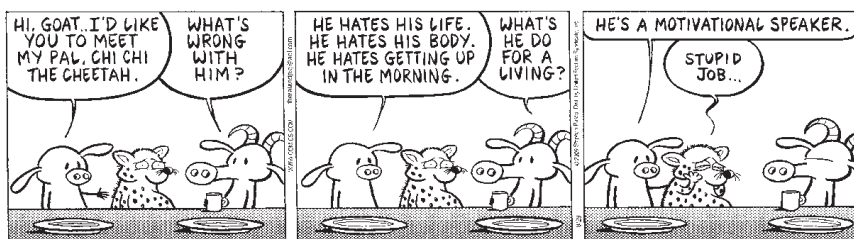
Yesterday's Jumbles: SQUAB UNCLE OFFSET VASSAL
 Answer: For some, "use less" advice during a water shortage is — USELESS

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Mike Argirin and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

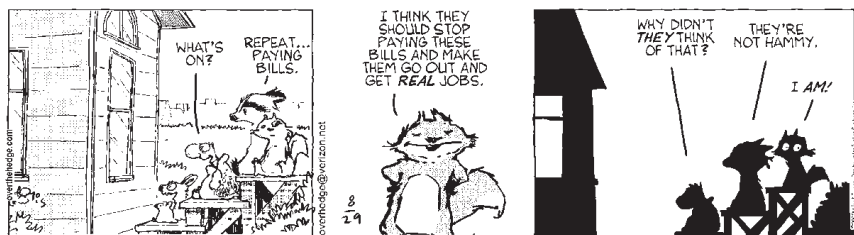
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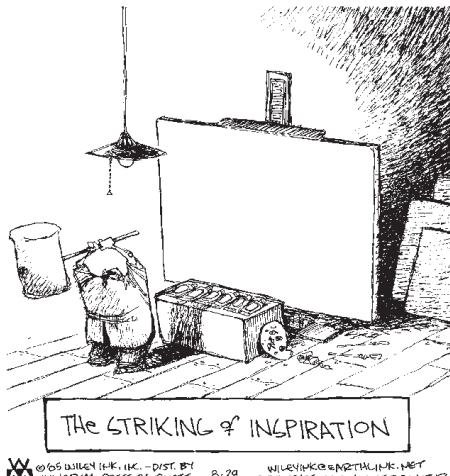
Over The Hedge



Pardon My Planet



Non Sequitur



Strange Brew



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FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 2009

	(AFN-ATLANTIC)	(AFN-FAMILY)	(AFN-MOVIE)	(AFN-NEWS)	(AFN-PACIFIC)	(PENTAGON)	(SPECTRUM)	(AFN-SPORTS)	(XTRA)
15:00	Sesame Street	The Brady Bunch	(:05) Movie "Arthur"	The Rachel Maddow Show	Days of our Lives	Fit For Duty	How Do I Look?	SportsCenter	(2:00) Sports
15:30		The Brady Bunch	(1981) Dudley Moore. A British butler helps his drunken master choose love or money.	Around the Services	Oprah Winfrey	Battleground			
16:00	The View	Movie "Flubber" (1997, Comedy) Robin Williams, Marcia Gay Harden.	Behind the Scenes	Tavis Smiley		Army Newswatch	Lost Worlds "Secret U.S. Bunkers" Cold War.	MLB Baseball Chicago White Sox at Boston Red Sox. From Fenway Park in Boston. (Same-day Tape Subject to Blackout)	MTV Hits Playlist
16:30				Nightly Business Report	Wheel of Fortune	EXchange on Air	King of the Hill		X Play
17:00	Dr. Phil	SpongeBob SquarePants	The Big Tease	Nightline	Jeopardy!	Around the Services	That '70s Show		Punk'd
17:30						Downrange	Daily Show-Jon Stewart		The Simpsons
18:00	Judge Alex	(:05) Robot Boy	What It Takes	The O'Reilly Factor	World News-Gibson	Today's Air Force	The Colbert Report		Family Guy
18:30	The King of Queens	Kim Possible	Entertainment Tonight		Around the Services	All Hands TV	Scrubs	SportsCenter	World Series of Poker
19:00	Access Hollywood	Unfabulous	Movie "Final Destination" (2000) Devon Sawa, Ali Larter. Death stalks the survivors of a doomed airliner.	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Hothouse"	Fit For Duty	My Name Is Earl "Pinky"		
19:30	Judge Judy	True Jackson, VP		Today	CSI: Miami "Head Case"	Battleground	Chuck "Chuck Versus the Beecake"	Quick Pitch	
20:00	The Young and the Restless	Sonny With a Chance				Recon Revisited	Brothers & Sisters "Troubled Waters" (Part 1 of 2)		
20:30		Wizards of Waverly Place				Pacific Report	Seinfeld "The Hot Tub"	SportsCenter	South Park
21:00	General Hospital	Wildfire "Tina Sharp" Kris takes painkillers.	(8:55) Movie "The Last Samurai" (2003, Adventure) Tom Cruise, Ken Watanabe, Timothy Spall. A Westerner learns the ways of the samurai in the 1870s.	Today	Big Brother 11	Around the Services	Friends		South Park (Part 1 of 2)
21:30						Briefing Encore	Seinfeld "The Hot Tub"	NFL Preseason Football Jacksonville Jaguars at Philadelphia Eagles. (Subject to Blackout Taped)	SportsNation
22:00	Days of our Lives	Heroes "How to Stop an Exploding Man"		America's Newsroom	Pacific Report	All Hands TV	Daily Show-Jon Stewart		Attack of the Show!
22:30						Today's Air Force	The Colbert Report		
23:00	Oprah Winfrey	7th Heaven "There Goes the Bride" (Part 1 of 2)		Newsroom	The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien	Downrange			
23:30					Late Show-Letterman				

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 2009

00:00	Wheel of Fortune	Unfabulous	(11:50) Movie "The Bridge on the River Kwai" (1957, War) William Holden, Alec Guinness, Sessue Hayakawa. The Japanese force British prisoners to build a bridge.	MSNBC Live	Late Show-Letterman	Recon	Late Night With Jimmy Fallon	NFL Preseason Football: Jaguars at Eagles	X Play
00:30	Jeopardy!	True Jackson, VP			The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Fit For Duty			Punk'd
1:00	Headline News	Sonny With a Chance		Happening Now	Judge Judy	The Grill Sergeants	Scrubs	SportsCenter	The Simpsons
1:30	ATS/AFN Report	Wizards of Waverly Place		Newsroom	CSI: NY "Risk"	Around the Services	My Name Is Earl		Family Guy
2:00	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Hothouse"	Wildfire "Tina Sharp" Kris takes painkillers.				Downrange	One Tree Hill "Can't Stop This Thing We Started"	SportsCenter	World Series of Poker
2:30						The American Veteran			
3:00	CSI: Miami "Head Case"	Heroes "How to Stop an Exploding Man"	(2:50) Movie "Final Destination" (2000, Horror) Devon Sawa, Ali Larter, Kerr Smith.	MSNBC Live	Oprah Winfrey	EXchange on Air	Third Watch "Honor"	MLB Baseball New York Mets at Chicago Cubs. From Wrigley Field in Chicago. (Subject to Blackout) (Live)	South Park
3:30						State Dept Briefing	Seinfeld "The Hot Tub"		South Park "Cartoon Wars"
4:00	Big Brother 11	7th Heaven "There Goes the Bride" (Part 1 of 2)	(:45) Movie "The Last Samurai" (2003, Adventure) Tom Cruise, Ken Watanabe, Timothy Spall. A Westerner learns the ways of the samurai in the 1870s.	Studio B With Shepard Smith	Dr. Phil	Battleground	Friends	SportsNation Hosts Colin Cowherd and Michelle Beadle.	Attack of the Show!
4:30						Around the Services	Kiana's Flex Appeal		
5:00	Headline News	Barney & Friends		The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer	Good Morning America	National Guard News	Denise Austin's Getting Fit	SportsNation Hosts Colin Cowherd and Michelle Beadle.	MTV Hits Playlist
5:30	The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien	Oobi		Glenn Beck	Good Morning America	Downrange	Easy Entertaining		
6:00		Sesame Street				Around the Services	Ace of Cakes	SportsCenter	
6:30	Late Show With David Letterman	My Friend Rabbit		Around the Services	Dragon	Briefing Encore	Ultimate Goals		
7:00						Downrange	Clean House	NFL Total Access	Sports
7:30	The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Clifford's Puppy Days	(:40) Movie "Moonstruck" (1987) Cher, Nicolas Cage. A Brooklyn bookkeeper falls for her fiancé's brother.	NBC Nightly News	Ribert & Robert's	Fit For Duty			
8:00		Ni Hao, Kai-Lan		World News-Gibson	Maya & Miguel	Fit For Duty	MythBusters Testing the power of compressed air.	NFL Preseason Football New England Patriots at Washington Redskins. From FedEx Field in Landover, Md. (Subject to Blackout) (Live)	Sports
8:30	Judge Judy	Mickey Mouse Clubhouse		CBS Evening News	Danny Phantom	Around the Services	The Blue Planet "The Deep" Odd creatures of the deep sea.		
9:00	CSI: NY "Risk"	Sid the Science Kid		The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Sports	Recon Revisited	Dirty Jobs Mike cleans up an Alaskan oil spill.		
9:30		Phineas and Ferb	Movie "Parenthood" (1989, Comedy) Steve Martin, Mary Steenburgen, Dianne Wiest. A family experiences the pressures of raising children.	Hannity		State Dept Briefing			
10:00	Oprah Winfrey	The Buzz on Maggie		Anderson Cooper 360		Fit For Duty			
10:30		American Dragon: Jake Long				AFN Europe Report			
11:00	Dr. Phil	My Life as a Teenage Robot				FNG Useful benefits.			
11:30		Static Shock				Fit For Duty			
12:00	CBS Evening News	Teen Kids News	(11:50) Movie "1776" (1972) William Daniels, Howard da Silva. A song-filled portrait of America's founding fathers.	Special Report With Bret Baier	Entertainment Studios.com	Battleground	Latin Lifestyles	SportsCenter	
12:30	ESPNNews	Grossology			Criss Angel Mindfreak	Around the Services	Urban Style		
13:00	NBC Nightly News	Out There		Campbell Brown	Expedition Africa "First Victim"	FNG Useful benefits.	Designed to Sell	Baseball Tonight	
13:30	World News-Gibson	Planet's Funniest Animals				Army Newswatch	Tyler's Ultimate	NFL Live	
14:00	Dragon	Faithful Friends	(:15) Movie "Topaz" (1969, Suspense) Frederick Stafford, John Forsythe, Dany Robin. A French agent helps a CIA officer trace leaks in 1962 Cuba.	Your World With Neil Cavuto	Access Hollywood	AFN Europe Report	Chopped Unusually salty vegetables.	SportsCenter	Sports
14:30	Ribert & Robert's	Crocodile Hunter's Croc Files				The Grill Sergeants	Eureka "H.O.U.S.E. Rules"	SportsCenter	
15:00	Maya & Miguel	Animal Miracles "Ace's Courage"		The Rachel Maddow Show	Deadliest Catch "The Unforgiving Sea" A fishing boat sinks.	Fit For Duty			
15:30	Danny Phantom			Around the Services	Law & Order "The Family Hour"	Battleground	Stargate Atlantis Ronon's past catches up with him.	Sports	MTV Hits Playlist
16:00	Naruto	SpongeBob SquarePants		Tavis Smiley		This Week in the Pentagon	King of the Hill		Top 20 Countdown
16:30	Darcy's Wild Life	SpongeBob SquarePants		Nightly Business Report	Extreme Makeover: Home Edition "Silva Family"	Recon	That '70s Show		
17:00	Entertainment Studios.com	Bindi the Jungle Girl	Movie "Big Momma's House" (2000) Martin Lawrence. An FBI agent goes undercover to protect a woman and her son.	Nightline	World News-Gibson	Recon Revisited	The King of Queens		Top 20 Countdown
17:30	Criss Angel Mindfreak	Lemur Kingdom		The O'Reilly Factor	ESPNews	Army Newswatch	Everybody Loves Raymond		
18:00	Expedition Africa "First Victim"	The Universe "The Milky Way" The Milky Way galaxy.			Law & Order Two young scientists are murdered.	The Grill Sergeants	Samantha Who?		ECW
18:30					CSI: NY "Veritas"	Fit For Duty	The Big Bang Theory		
19:00	Access Hollywood	Movie "Over the Hedge" (2006, Comedy) Voices of Bruce Willis, Garry Shandling.	Movie "Big Momma's House 2" (2006) Martin Lawrence. An FBI agent re-prises his disguise, posing as a heavy nanny.	Countdown With Keith Olbermann		Battleground	The Unit "Switchblade"		WWE SmackDown!
19:30		SpongeBob SquarePants		Today		Balad and Beyond			
20:00	Deadliest Catch "The Unforgiving Sea" A fishing boat sinks.					All Hands TV	Prison Break "Quiet Riot"		
20:30						Pacific Report			
21:00	Law & Order "The Family Hour"	Dawson's Creek "The Scare"	(8:55) Movie "Batman Begins" (2005, Action) Christian Bale, Michael Caine, Liam Neeson. Bruce Wayne becomes Gotham City's Dark Knight.	MSNBC Live	America's Most Wanted: America Fights Back	Army Newswatch	Saturday Night Live	Sports	SportsNation Hosts Colin Cowherd and Michelle Beadle.
21:30						Today's Air Force			Attack of the Show!
22:00	Law & Order Two young scientists are murdered.	Movie		Bulls and Bears	American Dad	Recon			
22:30				Cavuto on Business	"Til Death	This Week in the Pentagon	Austin City Limits		
23:00	CSI: NY "Veritas"		(:35) Have Rocket, Will Travel		Back to You				
23:30									

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2009

00:00	America's Most Wanted: America Fights Back	The Simpsons	(11:35) Movie "Have Rocket, Will Travel" (1959, Comedy)	Forbes on FOX	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Impulsive"	FNG Useful benefits.	(11:30) Austin City Limits	(10:00) Sports	Top 20 Countdown
00:30		The Simpsons		Cashin' In		Fit For Duty	Keeping Up-Kardashians		
1:00	Sports	Movie "Over the Hedge" (2006, Comedy) Voices of Bruce Willis, Garry Shandling.	(:05) Movie "Office Space" (1999, Comedy) Ron Livingston. A white-collar worker rebels against corporate drudgery.	Newsroom	Bones "The Girl in Suite 2103"	Around the Services	Trading Spouses: Meet Your New Mommy "Martin/Shatz"		Top 20 Countdown
2:00				Your Money	House "Need to Know"	Around the Services	Boston Legal "Trick or Treat"		Sports
2:30		SpongeBob SquarePants				Around the Services			
3:00		Movie	(2:50) Movie "Big Momma's House 2" (2006, Comedy) Martin Lawrence, Nia Long.	This Week in the Pentagon	Law & Order Two young scientists are murdered.	Around the Services	Judging Amy "Everybody Falls Down"	Sports	
3:30				Wall Street Journal Report	CSI: NY "Veritas"	First Air Force Now	Austin City Limits "Femi Kuti"		Sports
4:00				Glenn Beck		Battleground			
4:30			(:45) Movie "Batman Begins" (2005, Action) Christian Bale, Michael Caine, Liam Neeson.		America's Most Wanted: America Fights Back	National Guard News	Kiana's Flex Appeal		
5:00	Sports	Barney & Friends		Newsroom		This Week in the Pentagon	Denise Austin's Getting Fit		
5:30		Oobi				The Benning Report			

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Yokota, Japan - 1990 Nissan Must Go! Red, great for off road, iPod USB hardware (plug and play), Kenwood remote control CD player, sunroof, recent tune up (replace spark plugs, oil change, air filter), has a few dings but overall a great car. JCI till April 2010. Asking \$1100 but willing to negotiate. For sale now but we will need to use till Sept. 4. PCSing email pitman_five@yahoo.com

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Yokota, Japan - 1994 Silver Nissan Primera My family will be PCSing soon and I am looking to sell my vehicle. This vehicle has a roomy trunk and easily seats 5 adults. Currently it has 110,000 km (rough estimate) which translates to about 70,000 miles. Very reliable vehicle and fits into tight spaces. Asking price \$1200 for more information just call (313) 347-1026 or (080) 5650-1979 and ask for David.

Yokota, Japan - 1997 Toyota RAV 4, 4-wheel drive Excellent Vehicle! JCI good until December 2010 Tires replaced Dec 08 New Battery Mar 09 Brakes/pads oiled, etc Aug 09 Asking \$3700 Aug 09 Call Dawn, cell 090-9788-3296

Yokota, Japan - 1998 Honda Accord Gold, 4-door good family car. Great A/C and heater, 6-cd changer and in-dash navigation system runs great. Haven't had any problems with it. JCI until Feb. 2011 asking \$2000 OBO PCS September 5th, so need to sell ASAP Please call 412-246-3000 or email ashley.smith@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - 1999 Daihatsu Gino Cute, 1950's style, compact car! Dark purple & chrome, JCI until June 2010, 2 door, power windows & locks, great AC & heat, automatic, AM/FM stereo w/CD player, 75,438 miles, only takes \$20 to fill tank! Bought last year & only put 500 miles on it. Easy to drive on small streets! Excellent condition! PCSing in 2 weeks must sell! Asking \$2000 OBO Call 0805-414-5420

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Yokota, Japan - 2001 Honda Saber type S (Acura type S) 260hp V-6 Engine HD Xenon Headlamps Fog Lamps Honda On-Board Touch screen Navigation Bluetooth Ready ETC Card Reader Tiptronic Shift Control Cream Leather Interior w/Wood trim 6 Disc In-Dash CD Player Bose 5 Speaker Stereo System with Subwoofer power windows, Locks, Mirrors, Driver's Seat Keyless Entry, Keyless Trunk Opener Viper Alarm with Silence Option This car is very powerful and a lot of fun to drive! Asking \$4200 OBO JCI until March 2011 phorty6daze@hotmail.com or ask for Mike at 763-354-3588. I am willing to negotiate a price with you.

Yokota, Japan - '93 Silver Toyota Celisior For Sale CDMP3 player, 18 inch alloy rims; Replaced factory 8 inch subwoofer with 8 inch Kicker Competition sub and Kenwood Amp comes with stock rims and tires, JCI until Sept. 2010 asking \$2800 OBO Call 210-881-4363 or email raphealrj@hotmail.com for more info.

Yokota, Japan - '94' Nissan Largo (pictures coming soon), very BLUE, seats 7, CD player, replaced tires during JCI, will get oil changed right before transfer. Available 10 Sept, must sell due to PCS. JCI until 15 July 2011 asking \$2000 OBO Seats up to 214-261-6465 or email gpokey_99@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - 95 Toyota Chasers, JCI till Jan 2010! Great car runs very well New tires, Cold air condition automatic transmission interior Great size for a family, plenty of room. JCI until 2001 asking \$1500-PCSing soon, need to sell - Please contact via phone 080-5181-1883

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Southern vs. Simon Sanchez at Okkodo High School, 3 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 4

Southern at George Washington, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 5

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Friday, Sept. 11

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John F. Kennedy vs. Father Duenas Memorial at George Washington High School, 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 18

Okkodo at George Washington, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 19

Simon Sanchez at John F. Kennedy, 10 a.m.
Father Duenas Memorial vs. Southern at John F. Kennedy High School, 3 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 25

Guam High vs. Father Duenas Memorial at George Washington High School, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 26

George Washington vs. Simon Sanchez at Okkodo High School, 3 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 3

Father Duenas Memorial at Okkodo, 10 a.m.

Southern at Guam High, 3 p.m.
George Washington at John F. Kennedy, 3 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 9

Simon Sanchez vs. Father Duenas Memorial at George Washington High School, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 10

Southern at Okkodo, 10 a.m.

John F. Kennedy at Guam High, 3 p.m.

Playoffs

Quarterfinals

Friday, Oct. 16

Game 1-Fifth place vs. fourth place, site and time TBD

Saturday, Oct. 17

Game 2-Sixth place vs. third place, site and time TBD

Game 3-Seventh place vs. second place, site and time TBD

Saturday, Oct. 24

Semifinals

Game 4-Game 1 winner vs. regular-season champion, site and time TBD

Game 5-Game 2 winner vs. Game 3 winner, site and time TBD

Friday, Oct. 30, or Saturday, Oct. 31

Third-place game

Game 6-Game 4 loser vs. Game 5 loser, site and time TBD

Saturday, Oct. 31

Championship

Game 7-Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, site and time TBD

Can Guam High finally reach the big time in two playoffs?

Panthers' new coach thinks improvement possible

BY DAVE ORNAUER
Stars and Stripes

It's time, coach Billy Henry believes.

Guam High has endured years of disappointments and near misses. The Panthers are 0-4 in the DODDS Far East football playoffs and have managed two third-place Interscholastic Football League finishes in their 11-season history.

One of those third-place finishes came last season. Now, Henry, who assumes the team's helm from the departed Brandon Miller, feels the Panthers are talented and committed enough to take the next step.

Henry sees last year's finish as a "badge of honor. They can hold their heads high that they got third place. But I want to display it as a challenge to not just meet but exceed their goals."

After coaching in Hohenfels, Germany, and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Henry transferred to Guam and feels he brings new styles of defense in addition to years of coaching experience.

"I didn't come to overhaul but to fine-tune the program," Henry said.

He'll count on returning leaders Raul Bryant, a senior linebacker, and Devon Jacobs,

a junior receiver, along with newcomers Star Motley and Marcus Dollard.

The Panthers were to open Saturday, but the game was postponed because host Okkodo had not yet received its equipment. A makeup date was not immediately announced.

Henry's charges will employ a spread-option attack and a 4-3 defense to fend off their opponents in the seven-team IFL. Each team plays each other once during the regular season.

"We would love to exceed what we've done. I believe we won't go back," Henry said. "We're getting better by the day. I believe in these kids. Their commitment and excellence gives them the opportunity to meet and possibly exceed their goals."

Those goals include opportunities to win titles in two playoffs. The IFL conducts its three-week playoffs in October, and the Panthers travel to Okinawa for the Class AA playoffs in November.

Henry describes that as a "rare opportunity. We greatly appreciate that we have an opportunity to be in two leagues and have an opportunity to play. It's fantastic, wonderful. The kids are excited about it."

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Team capsule Guam High Panthers

Agana Heights, Guam

2008-6-6 overall, .500, 192 points for, 260 points against. 3-4, .429, second place in Independent Interscholastic Athletic Association of Guam's Interscholastic Football League Gadao Division, 120 points for, 173 points against. Won IFL playoff quarterfinal 27-20 over John F. Kennedy on Oct. 25. Lost IFL playoff semifinal 14-0 to Father Duenas Memorial on Nov. 5. Won third-place game 18-6 over George Washington on Nov. 14. Lost DODDS-Pacific Far East Class AA semifinal 27-0 at Kadena on Nov. 1.

Head coach-Billy Henry, first season.

Returning players-12.

Returning starters-8.

Base offense-Spread option.

Base defense-4-3.

Key returning players-Raul Bryant,

Sr., MLB; Devon Jacobs, Jr., WR.

Key newcomers-Star Motley, Jr., RB;

Marcus Dollard, Jr., CB.

Strengths-Experience, program

heavy with juniors with two and three

years in the program. "The kids really

display commitment," Henry says.

Drawbacks-Lack of size in key positions,

must shift smaller players to traditionally

big-player spots.

Overview-Contending. With rare

player continuity in a nominally transient

program, Henry feels the Panthers

may at last be ready to shed IFL

and Class AA dormant mantle and aim

high.



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Three-time champ Edgren gets company in Class A title chase

Zama drops from Class AA, seeks its first winning season since '03

By DAVE ORNAUER
Stars and Stripes

CAMP ZAMA, Japan — Football games between Robert D. Edgren and Zama American take on a new meaning — and sense of urgency — this season.

Due to a drop in enrollment, Zama now plays at the Class A level. And unlike the past four years, when Edgren got a pass into the Far East title game as Japan's lone Class A team, the Eagles have company.

"I think it's great. Competition is good. It will be good for Zama, too," Edgren coach Chris Waite said.

While Edgren aims at a fourth straight Class A banner and its third straight plus-.500 season, the Trojans, 0-7 last year, aim for their first winning season since 2003. A Class A banner would end a 46-year drought; no Zama boys team has won a Far East team title since 1963.

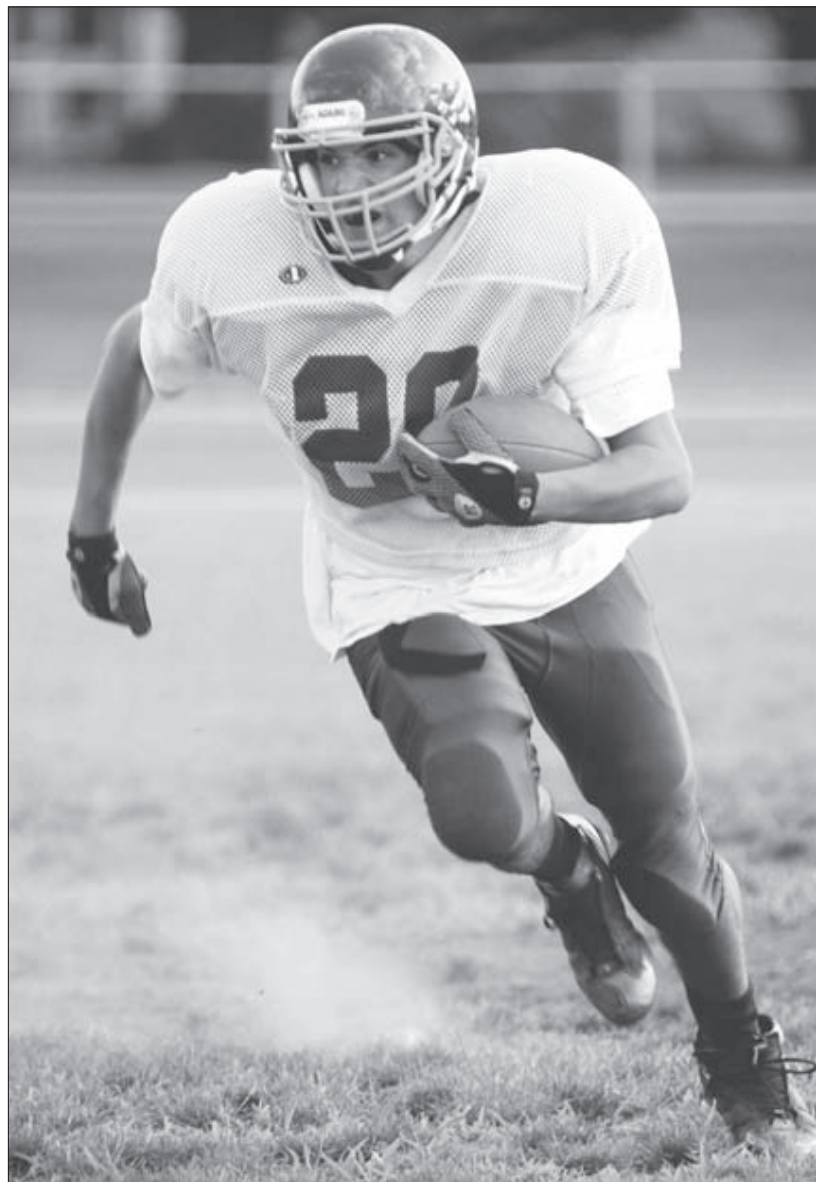
Though Edgren-Zama clashes are important, so too are the rest of each team's games, Waite and Trojans coach Steven Merrell said.

"Every game is important," Waite said. "We've never seen some games as more important than others."

"It wouldn't mean anything to win anything if you don't have a successful season," Merrell said. "We need to see it as every game matters and play at a championship level every game."

Waite remembers 2005, when he was an assistant coach, going to Osan at 1-7 and losing the Class A title game 16-14. "I don't know how I'd have felt about winning a championship after a rough season," Waite said.

But far more than being able to stay with its Class A opposition in Korea, Edgren has proven it can run with the big boys, too.



DAVE ORNAUER/Stars and Stripes

Senior running back John Benavidez and the Robert D. Edgren Eagles hope that when the dust settles on the Pacific high school football season, a fourth straight Far East Class A championship banner will hang in the school gym.

Under Waite, the Eagles are 16-9, with one-point losses in five games, three to perennial DODDS-Japan champion Yokota, and a seminal 20-18 home victory over Yokota last Oct. 24.

"For three years, we've been in the ballpark with Yokota," Waite said. "I definitely think we're competitive" with Class AA teams.

They get a chance to see how competitive when they host Kadena on Sept. 26. The Panthers have reached the past three Class AA finals, winning the 2007 title game 39-13 over Yokota.

Taking aim at their 11th straight DODDS-Japan and Kanto Plain titles, Yokota remains thin in numbers and experience. Only five starters return from last year's team that went 6-3, the Panthers' worst mark since 1999.

Yokota starts two freshmen in the offensive line — something coach Tim Pujol has never done in his decade with the program. Much depends on how the offensive and defensive lines develop, he said.

With the Trojans moving to Class A, that leaves only Yokota and Nile C. Kinnick to battle for DODDS-Japan's Class AA semifinal berth.

Gary Wilson returns to the Red Devils' helm after a one-year hiatus. Kinnick appears solid, he said, on offense, where three starters return to the line and a wealth of JV move-ups and new move-ins will bolster the ranks. But the defense is young and green, he said.

DODDS-Japan play opens Friday with Kinnick hosting Yokota and Edgren visiting Zama. Kickoffs are at 7 p.m.

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Team capsules Yokota Panthers

Yokota Air Base

2008-6-3, .667, 269 points for, 114 points against; 5-1 Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Japan League, .833, 215 points for, 63 points against; 5-0 Kanto Plain Association of Secondary Schools, 1,000, 192 points for, 59 points against. Won school- and league-record 10th straight DODDS-Japan and Kanto Plain titles. Owns 38-game regular-season Kanto Plain winning streak. Lost DODDS-Pacific Far East Class AA semifinal 19-16 to Seoul American on Nov. 8.

Head coach-Tim Pujol, 11th season, overall record 85-12, 10 JFL and Kanto titles, five Rising Sun Bowl championships.

Base offense-1.

Base defense-4-2.

Returning players-7.

Returning starters-5.

Key returning players-DeEric Harvin, Sr., QB-DB; Rainey Daley, Sr., FB-LB; Kevin Eckert, Sr., DE; James Peterson, Sr., C; Ross Matsumoto, Sr., CB; Paul Floyd, Sr., TE-LB; Bradley Forbes, Sr., RB-DE (sat out last season).

Key newcomer-Gerald McCloud, Sr., RB-CB.

Strengths-Strong offensively up the middle at C, QB and FB, returnees in key positions.

Drawbacks-Youth, inexperience, lack of depth, particularly in the lines, where two freshmen will start; that's not happened on Pujol's watch.

Overview-Always contending. Despite the youth and inexperience, Panthers are still champions until somebody knocks them off and they remain the precision outfit they've always been under Pujol. Everything depends on how quickly the lines develop. McCloud must replace departed backs Tony Presnell and Derick Seward.

Robert D. Edgren Eagles

Misawa Air Base

2008-7-2 overall, .778, 231 points for, 127 points against; 5-1 JFL, 149 points for, 94 points against; second in JFL. Won third straight Class A championship game 35-7 over Osan American on Nov. 1.

Coach-Chris Waite, fourth season, overall record 16-9, .640, three Class A titles.

Base offense-Pro.

Base defense-4-3.

Returning players-12.

Returning starters-8.

Key returning players-Zach Keister, Sr., C; Ja'Maal Dennis, Sr., FB; Trevor Johnson, Jr., OT; Cheston Nurial-Dacalio, Sr., DE-RB; J.J. Freely, Sr., LB; Jon Benavidez, Sr., FS-RB; Zach Davis, Jr., QB; Jeremy Schwartz, Sr., DT.

Key newcomers-Sayer Austin, Jr., RT-DE (transfer from Yokota); Xavier Major, Jr., CB; Cody Eaton, So., DT; Nick Moore, So., OT; Gerald Atkinson, Sr., WR; James Ervin, So., CB.

Strength-Overall team speed, good size in interior.

Drawbacks-Lack of depth, "one injury away from being 1-9," Waite says.

Overview-Reloading-contending. Has proven it can contend with the big boys the past few years, finally getting that elusive victory over Yokota. But must now go through Zama American to get to Class A title game again.

Nile C. Kinnick Red Devils

Yokosuka Naval Base

2008-2-6, .250, 147 points for, 229 points against; 2-4 JFL, .333, 122 points for, 180 points against; 2-4 Kanto Plain, .333, 115 points for, 193 points against; third in JFL, third in Kanto.

Coach-Gary Wilson, third season.

Base offense-Power.

Base defense-3-5-3.

Returning players-7.

Returning starters-3.

Key returning players-Josh Robertson, Sr., L; David de los Santos, Jr., L; Adam Carson, Sr., L; Jonathan Burrell, Sr., FS-WR; Taylor Myers, Sr., QB-LB; Chris Santos, Sr., L.

Key newcomers-Elijah Gamble, So., RB-LB; Ryan Wang, Jr., RB-LB; Richard Villareal, So., FB-LB; John Allen, Jr., TE; Anthony Smith, Jr., TE.

Strengths-Good size, hard-running backs.

Drawbacks-Youth, inexperience on defense.

Overview-Rebuilding on defense, reloading on offense. Have to replace Tyree Hunt's and Donovan Brown's production, but returning core is up to the task. Question is how quickly the defense gets up to speed.

Zama American Trojans

Camp Zama/Atsugi Naval Air Facility

2008-0-7 overall, .000, 90 points for, 273 points against; 0-6 JFL, .000, 75 points for, 236 points against; 0-5 Kanto Plain, .000, 77 points for, 199 points against; fourth in JFL, fourth in Kanto Plain.

Coach-Steven Merrell, second season, overall record 4-11, .267.

Base offense-Wing-T.

Base defense-4-3.

Returning players-10.

Returning starters-10.

Key returning players-Ken Schulteis, Sr., OL; Tevin Johnson, Jr., OL-DL; Michael Spencer, Jr., FB-LB; John Iredale, Jr., OL-LB; Malcolm Franklin, Sr., NG.

Key newcomers-Ricky Martin, Sr., QB-WR-DB; Austin Wilson, Sr., DL (moveups from junior varsity); Cory Peckins, Jr., HB-DB (transfer from Osan American, South Korea); Ashton Norwood, Sr., HB-DB.

Strengths-Many experienced in Merrell's system, plenty of seniors and leadership.

Drawbacks-Lack of depth.

Overview-Contending for Class A title. Trojans hungry after suffering miseries of winless 2008, but an injury or two could derail everything.

Schedule

Friday, Aug. 28

Yokota at Kinnick, 7 p.m.

Edgren at Zama, 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 4

Kinnick at Edgren, 7 p.m.

Zama at Yokota, 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 11

American School In Japan at Kinnick, 7 p.m.

Yokota at Edgren, 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 18

Kinnick at Zama, 7 p.m.

Edgren at American School In Japan, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 19

Kubasaki (Okinawa) at Yokota, 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 25

Kinnick at Yokota, 7 p.m.

American School In Japan at Zama, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 26

Kadena (Okinawa) at Edgren, 1 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 2

Yokota at Zama, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 3

American School In Japan at Edgren, 1 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 9

Edgren at Kinnick, 7 p.m.

Yokota at American School In Japan, 7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 16

Zama at Edgren, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 17

Kinnick at American School In Japan, 1 p.m.

Kadena (Okinawa) at Yokota, 7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 23

American School In Japan at Zama, 7 p.m.

Edgren at Yokota, 7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 30

American School In Japan at Yokota, 7 p.m.

Zama at Kinnick, 7 p.m.

SCOREBOARD

Sports on AFN

Friday

AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.-MLB: Chicago White Sox at Boston (dld).
AFN-Sports, 10 p.m.-NFL exhibition: Jacksonville at Philadelphia (dld).

Saturday

AFN-Sports, 3 a.m.-MLB: N.Y. Mets at Chicago Cubs.
AFN-Xtra, 8 a.m.-MLB: L.A. Dodgers at Cincinnati.
AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.-NFL exhibition: New England at Washington.
AFN-Pacific, 11 a.m.-MLB: Colorado at San Francisco.
AFN-Xtra, 11 a.m.-MLB: Oakland at L.A. Angels.
AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.-MLB: Atlanta at Philadelphia (dld).
AFN-Sports, 8 p.m.-NFL exhibition: Green Bay at Arizona (dld).

Sunday

AFN-Atlantic, 1 a.m.-Little League baseball: World Series, international championship.
AFN-Xtra, 2 a.m.-MLB: Chicago White Sox at N.Y. Yankees.
AFN-Atlantic, 4 a.m.-Little League baseball: World Series, U.S. championship.
AFN-Sports, 4 a.m.-Golf: FedEx Cup The Barclays, third round, at Jersey City, N.J.
AFN-Xtra, 5 a.m.-MLB: Tampa Bay at Detroit.
AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.-NFL exhibition: San Diego at Atlanta.
AFN-Atlantic, 10 a.m.-MLB: Colorado at San Francisco.
AFN-Xtra, 11 a.m.-Ultimate fighting: UFC 102, Randy Couture vs. Antonio Rodrigo Nogueira.
AFN-Xtra, 2 p.m.-MLS: D.C. at Chicago (dld).
AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.-MLB: Texas at Minnesota (dld).
AFN-Xtra, 4 p.m.-MLB: N.Y. Mets at Chicago Cubs (dld).
AFN-Xtra, 7 p.m.-MLB: Atlanta at Philadelphia (dld).
AFN-Sports, 8 p.m.-NFL exhibition: Seattle at Kansas City (dld).
AFN-Xtra, 10 p.m.-MLB: Toronto at Boston (dld).

All times are Japan and Korea Standard; (dld) indicates delayed broadcast. All listings are subject to change. Visit www.myafn.net for more information.

Boxing

Fight schedule

Aug. 29

At Halle, Germany, Victor Emiliano Ramirez, Argentina, vs. Marco Huck, Germany, 12, for Ramirez's WBO cruiserweight title; Karo Murat, Germany, vs. Lorenzo Di Giacomo, Italy, 12.
 At Quik Trip Park, Grande Prairie, Texas, Jesus Soto-Karass, Mexico, vs. Edvan Dos Barrios, Miami, 10, welterweights; Mikey Garcia, Oxnard, Calif., vs. Carlos Rivera, Oldsmar, Fla., 10, featherweights.
 At Blaisdell Center, Honolulu, Brian Viloria, Waipahu, Hawaii, vs. Jesus Iribe, Mexico, 12, for Viloria's IBF light flyweight title; Alfonso Gomez, Whittier, Calif., vs. Raul Munoz, Topeka, Kan., 10, super welterweights.

Sept. 5

At Nuevo Vallarta, Mexico, Julio Cesar Chavez Jr., Mexico, vs. Jason LeHoulier, Portland, Maine, 10, super welterweights; Manuel Vargas, Mexico, vs. Donnie Nietes, Philippines, 12, for Vargas' WBO mini flyweight title.

Sept. 12

At Kempton Park, South Africa, Lovemore N'dou, Australia, vs. Matthew Hatton, Britain, 12, for N'dou's IBF welterweight title; Zolani Marali, South Africa, vs. Ji Hoon Kim, South Korea, 12, for Marali's IBO super featherweight title.

At MCH Messecenter, Herning, Denmark, Mikkel Kessler, Denmark, vs. Gussy Perdomo, Venezuela, 12, for Kessler's WBA super middleweight title.
 At San Juan, Puerto Rico, Ivan Calderon, Puerto Rico, vs. Rodol Mayol, Philippines, for Calderon's WBO and Ring Magazine titles; Roman Martinez, Puerto Rico, vs. Michael Lonzada, Mexico, 12, for Martinez's WBO junior lightweight title.
 At Nueva Vallarta, Mexico, Cesar Chavez, Jr., Mexico, vs. Jason Lehoulier, Portland, Maine, 10, super welterweights; Fernando Montiel, Mexico, vs. Jerome Arnaud, France, 12, for Montiel's WBO bantamweight title; Donnie Nietes, Philippines, vs. Manuel Vargas, Mexico, 12, for Vargas' WBO mini flyweight title.

At Pechanga Resort and Casino, Temecula, Calif., Andre Ward, Oakland, Calif., vs. Shelby Pudwill, Mandan, N.D., 10, super middleweights.
 At MGM Grand, Las Vegas, Floyd Mayweather, Las Vegas, vs. Manuel Marquez, Anaheim, Calif., 12, welterweights; Chris John, Indonesia, vs. Rocky Juarez, Houston, 12, for John's WBA featherweight title; Vicente Escobedo, Woodland, Calif., vs. Michael Katsidis, Thailand, 12, for vacant interim WBO lightweight title; Zab Judah, Las Vegas, vs. Antonio Diaz, Coachella, Calif., 10, welterweights.

Sept. 19

At Neubrandenburg, Germany, Giovanni Lorenzo, New York, vs. Sebastian Sylvester, Germany, 12, for vacant IBF middleweight title.

Pro football

NFL exhibition

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Miami	2	0	0	1.000	39	26
New England	1	1	0	.500	33	32
Buffalo	1	2	0	.333	66	72
N.Y. Jets	0	2	0	.000	43	47

South

Tennessee	2	1	0	.667	58	68
Indianapolis	1	1	0	.500	26	28
Houston	1	1	0	.500	30	48
Jacksonville	0	2	0	.000	32	36

North

Baltimore	2	0	0	1.000	47	23
Cincinnati	1	1	0	.500	14	23
Cleveland	1	1	0	.500	27	27
Pittsburgh	1	1	0	.500	33	27

West

Oakland	1	1	0	.500	51	31
San Diego	1	1	0	.500	31	26
Denver	0	2	0	.000	29	44
Kansas City	0	2	0	.000	23	33

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Washington	1	1	0	.500	17	36
Dallas	1	1	0	.500	40	41
N.Y. Giants	1	1	0	.500	27	34
Philadelphia	0	2	0	.000	40	50

South

New Orleans	2	0	0	1.000	55	21
Atlanta	1	1	0	.500	46	40
Tampa Bay	1	1	0	.500	44	50
Carolina	0	2	0	.000	34	51

North

Green Bay	2	0	0	1.000	48	21
Minnesota	2	0	0	1.000	30	16
Chicago	1	1	0	.500	37	30
Detroit	1	1	0	.500	37	53

West

San Francisco	2	0	0	1.000	38	36
Seattle	2	0	0	1.000	47	27
St. Louis	1	1	0	.500	36	40
Arizona	0	2	0	.000	16	37

Thursday's games

Jacksonville at Philadelphia
 St. Louis at Cincinnati
 Miami at Tampa Bay

Friday's games

New England at Washington
 Green Bay at Arizona

Saturday's games

Indianapolis at Detroit
 New Orleans at Oakland
 Buffalo at Pittsburgh
 Tennessee at Cleveland
 San Diego at Atlanta
 N.Y. Jets at N.Y. Giants
 San Francisco at Dallas
 Seattle at Kansas City
 Baltimore at Carolina

Sunday's game

Chicago at Denver
 Monday's game
 Minnesota at Houston

Pro basketball

WNBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	19	7	.731	—
Atlanta	15	12	.556	4½
Connecticut	14	13	.519	5½
Chicago	13	15	.464	7
Washington	13	15	.464	7
Detroit	12	14	.462	7
New York	11	16	.407	8½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	18	9	.667	—
Seattle	16	11	.593	2
Los Angeles	14	13	.519	4
Minnesota	11	16	.407	7
San Antonio	11	16	.407	7
Sacramento	9	19	.321	9½

Tuesday's games

Detroit 90, Connecticut 70
 Atlanta 103, Sacramento 83
 Seattle 78, Washington 68
 Los Angeles 74, Chicago 63

Wednesday's games

No games scheduled

Thursday's games

San Antonio at Indiana
 Atlanta at Detroit
 Connecticut at Seattle
 Phoenix at Los Angeles

Tennis

Pilot Pen

Wednesday

At The Connecticut Tennis Center at Yale

New Haven, Conn.

Purse: Men, \$750,000 (WT250); Women, \$600,000 (Premier)

Surface: Hard-Outdoor

Singles

Men

Third Round
 Jurgen Melzer (11), Austria, def. Victor Hanescu (8), Romania, 7-6 (5), 4-6, 6-1.
 Igor Andreev (7), Russia, def. Frederico Gil, Portugal, 6-4, 6-4.
 Leonardo Mayer, Argentina, def. Simone Bolelli, Italy, 6-2, 6-4.

Nikolay Davydenko (1), Russia, def. Fabrice Santoro (15), France, 7-5, 6-3.
 Jose Acasuso, Argentina, def. Igor Kunitsyn (14), Russia, 3-6, 7-6 (3), 6-3.
 Sam Querrey (6), United States, def. Bjorn Phau, Germany, 7-5, 6-3.

Florent Serra, France, def. Rajeev Ram, United States, 4-6, 7-6 (6), 7-5.
 Fernando Verdasco (2), Spain, def. Andreas Seppi (16), Italy, 7-6 (3), 6-2.

Women

Second Round

Svetlana Kuznetsova (1), Russia, def. Yanina Wickmayer, Belgium, 6-4, 5-7, 7-6 (2).
 Virginie Razzano, France, def. Agnieszka Radwanska (5), Poland, 3-6, 6-4, retired.

Elena Vesnina, Russia, def. Samantha Stosur (9), Australia, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.
 Flavia Pennetta (3), Italy, def. Iveta Benesova, Czech Republic, 7-6 (1), 6-4.
 Caroline Wozniacki (2), Denmark, def. Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, Russia, 6-1, 6-4.

Magdalena Rybarikova, Slovakia, def. Maria Bartoli (6), France, 6-1, 6-7 (5), 0-2 retired.

Doubles

Men

First Round
 Frantisek Cermak, Czech Republic, and Michal Mertinak (3), Slovakia, def. Wesley Moodie, South Africa, and Horia Tecau, Romania, 7-6 (4), 4-6, 10-7 tiebreak.

Martin Damm, Czech Republic, and Robert Lindstedt (4), Sweden, def. Robert Kendrick and Scott Lipsky, United States, 7-5, 6-4.

Marcelo Melo and Andre Sa, Brazil, def. Stephen Huss, Australia, and Ross Hutchins, Britain, 7-5, 6-3.

Quarterfinals

Julian Knowle and Jurgen Melzer, Austria, def. Christopher Kas and Philipp Petzschner, Germany, 7-6 (2), 4-6, 10-8 tiebreak.

Bruno Soares, Brazil, and Kevin Ullyett (2), Zimbabwe, def. Jeremy Chardy and Fabrice Santoro, France, 6-1, 7-6 (3).

Women

Quarterfinals
 Alona and Kateryna Bondarenko (4), Ukraine, def. Alize Cornet, France, and Edina Gallovits, Romania, 6-3, 7-5.

Jill Craybas and Lisa Raymond (3), United States, def. Sarah Bowtell, Britain, and Raquel Kops-Jones, United States, 6-3, 6-2.

Nuria Llagostera Vives and Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez (1), Spain, def. Ipek Senoglu, Turkey, and Yaroslava Shvedova, Kazakhstan, 6-2, 6-1.

Pro soccer

MLS

Eastern Conference

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Columbus	10	3	9	39	34	24
Chicago	10	5	8	38	33	27
Toronto FC	8	8	6	30	30	33
New England	8	6	6	30	24	25
D.C.	6	5	11	29	34	34
Kansas City	5	9	6	21	20	28
New York	3	16	4	13	19	41

Western Conference

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Houston	11	6	7	40	31	21
Los Angeles	8	4	11	35	27	23
Seattle	8	6	9	33	29	23
Chivas USA	10	8	3	33	23	23
Colorado	8	7	6	30	34	27
Real Salt Lake	8	9	6	30	34	27
FC Dallas	6	11	5	23	31	35
San Jose	5	11	5	20	26	38

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Wednesday's game

Real Salt Lake 4, Chivas USA 0

Deals

Wednesday's transactions

BASEBALL

American League

BOSTON RED SOX—Activated RHP Tim Wakefield from the 15-day DL. Designated RHP Enrique Gonzalez for assignment.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Assigned INF Chris Getz and OF Dewayne Wise to Charlotte (IL) on injury rehabilitation assignments.

DETROIT TIGERS—Optioned RHP Armando Galarraga to Toledo (IL). Activated LHP Nate Robertson from the 15-day DL.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Waived LHP Ron Mahay.

National League

COLORADO ROCKIES—Activated RHP Juan Rincon from the 15-day DL. Designated OF Matt Murton for assignment.

FLORIDA MARLINS—Placed 1B Nick Johnson on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Aug. 17. Recalled OF Brett Carroll from New Orleans (PCL).

NEW YORK METS—Placed LHP Oliver Perez on the 15-day DL. Recalled RHP Lance Broadway from Buffalo (IL).

PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Placed RHP Jeff Karstens on the 15-day DL.

SAN DIEGO PADRES—Recalled OF Drew Macias from Portland (PCL). Placed RHP Mike Adams on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Aug. 22.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

ARIZONA CARDINALS—Re-signed LB James Holloway. Waived OT Elliot Vallejo.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Signed DT Jervonte Jackson. Waived DE Jeremy Mincey.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Re-signed WR Robert Ortiz.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Waived P Glenn Pakulak and WR Paris Warren.

NEW YORK JETS—Waived OT Tavita Thompson.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

NEW YORK ISLANDERS—Announced the retirement of C Mike Silfverberg.

OTTAWA SENATORS—Promoted Pierre Dorion to director of player personnel and Randy Lee to director of hockey administration and player development.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION—Named Karl Edmonds director of youth development.

COLLEGE

DUQUESNE—Signed women's basketball coach Suzie McConnell-Serio to a contract extension through the 2013-14 season.

LONG BEACH STATE—Named Troy Buckley pitching coach.

MASSACHUSETTS—Named Amanda Belichick women's assistant lacrosse coach.

POINT PARK—Announced women's sophomore C Joncelyn Peterkin has transferred from Carlow.

ST. JOHN'S—Named Victoria Laemmel student development assistant director.

TEMPLE—Named Chuck Ristano assistant baseball coach.

WITTENBERG—Named Nichole Johnson women's lacrosse coach.



CHARLIE RIEDEL/AP

Kansas City Royals pitcher Brian Bannister does not think baseball should make the drug list public. "It was done in a confidential manner, and I think it should stay that way," he said.

Ruling: Some would like to see leakers' names leaked

RULING, FROM BACK PAGE

Chicago White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen agreed the story won't go away until the entire list is released.

"Whoever's got the list, get them out of there, make us suffer for couple days and move on," he said. "Just get the thing out. Clear the thing and move on. Move on and this game is going to be better."

Royals pitcher Brian Bannister disagreed.

"It was done in a confidential matter, and I think it should stay that way," he said. "I think the law should be upheld. It was done according to law."

Los Angeles Dodgers manager Joe Torre lamented the slow trickle with which the names have been leaked.

"I hate the whole systematic leaking of names, because it's never going to go away. Even though it's something that's six years old, it keeps becoming current news," he said. "It's not giving our sport a chance to heal, which it needs to do."

"The thing that it hurts is the fan base of people who are bragging about this particular player and how good he is, and all of a sudden to have somebody stick a pin in the balloon."

Other players said they wanted to see a different list of names: Those who might be illegally leaking the names to reporters.

"Leak the names that leaked the names," said St. Louis pitcher Adam Wainwright, the Cardinals' player representative. "People are obviously breaking the law acquiring those names, and it's not the agreement the federal government had with Major League Baseball. Those names were court-sealed. For crying out loud, you can't release them, period."

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Y-Schneider (6).	Florida 11.	28-Dan.Murphy							
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(24).	CS-L.Castillo (6).	SF-Sullivan.							
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Stokes	1	0	0	0	0	0	1		
Takahashi	1	0	0	0	0	0	1		
Florida									
Jo.Johnson W,13-3	6	9	3	0	0	0	7		
Meyer H,17	1	0	0	0	0	0	1		
Lundrom H,5	1	0	0	0	0	0	1		
N.Lindz S,16-20	1	1	0	0	0	0	2		
Totals	10	21	10	5	10	16	13		
Jo.Johnson	T-7-40	0	0	16	13	7			

AL roundup

Kinsler HRs pace Rangers by N.Y.

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Ian Kinsler homered twice and the Texas bullpen pitched shutout ball as the Rangers became the first visitors to win a series at Yankee Stadium since mid-June, beating New York 7-2 on Thursday.

Chris Davis hit a three-run homer for Texas, which took two of three from the club with the best record in the majors. Jason Grilli, C.J. Wilson and Frank Francisco combined for 5⅓ innings of two-hit relief.

A.J. Burnett (10-8) lost despite striking out a season-high 12 in six innings. Texas' Dustin Nippert was pulled after walking seven in 3⅔ innings.

Through 7½ innings, only 33 of 66 hitters overall managed to put the ball in play. By the end, the teams combined for 25 strikeouts and 11 walks.

Kinsler got Texas' first hit, a three-run homer in the fourth. Burnett retired the first 11 batters before walking Josh Hamilton and Nelson Cruz on full counts, bringing up Kinsler.

Catcher Jose Molina went to the mound to talk with Burnett, and Kinsler lined the next pitch over the left-field wall. Kinsler connected for a solo shot in the eighth, giving him a career-high 28 home runs.

Burnett fell to 0-4 in six starts this month. He was tagged for a career-high nine runs by Boston in his previous outing.

Davis launched a three-run



KATHY WILLENS/AP

Texas' Ian Kinsler, right, is greeted by teammates Nelson Cruz, center, and David Murphy after hitting a three-run homer in the fifth inning Thursday at Yankee Stadium. Texas beat New York 7-2.

homer in the seventh off Phil Coke. He also made a nifty play at first base to end the sixth after Derek Jeter's hard grounder bounced off his glove. Davis retrieved the ball and made a blind, backhanded flip to Grilli covering the bag.

Grilli (2-2) entered in the fourth, escaped a first-and-third jam by getting Alex Rodriguez on an easy comebacker and pitched 2⅓ innings. Wilson went two in-

nings and Francisco worked the ninth.

Texas, in the thick of the pennant race, became the first visiting team to win a series at Yankee Stadium since Washington took two of three June 16-18.

Mark Teixeira had two RBI singles for the Yankees, both times driving in runners who drew walks from Nippert and stole a base.

In Wednesday games:

Blue Jays 3, Rays 2: Marco Scutaro scored the winning run on a wild pitch after Rays closer J.P. Howell loaded the bases with three walks.

Rod Barajas hit a tying pinch-hit homer off Howell (6-4) with one out in the ninth.

After walking three and with rookie Randy Ruiz up, Howell uncorked a curveball that bounced high off the shinguard of catcher Gregg Zaun, allowing Scutaro to score without a play. It was Howell's seventh blown save.

The Rays fell four games behind Boston in the wild-card race.

It was a tough night to be a home plate umpire. Crew chief Jerry Crawford left after two innings because of back spasms. His replacement, Tom Hallion, was knocked over when struck in the chest by a pitch from Rays lefty Scott Kazmir in the sixth. After a 21-minute delay, the game resumed with Hallion at third base. First base umpire Brian O'Nora moved behind the plate and Scott Barry moved from third to first.

Red Sox 3, White Sox 2: David Ortiz curled his second home run of the game around the Pesky Pole for his 10th career game-ending homer and franchise-record ninth with the Red Sox. Hall of Famer Jimmie Foxx had eight.

Tim Wakefield pitched seven innings and Daniel Bard (1-1) earned his first career victory with 1⅓ innings of scoreless relief.

Tony Pena (1-2) struck out Kevin Youkilis to start the ninth, then gave up the homer to Ortiz, who also homered in the second.

Yankees 9, Rangers 2: At New York, Jorge Posada hit a three-run homer and Andy Pettitte (11-6) allowed two runs and five hits over seven innings. Derek Jeter and Mark Teixeira both drove in two runs, and Jerry Hairston Jr. added a solo homer.

David Murphy homered and drove in both runs for Texas.

Angels 4, Tigers 2: Torii Hunter hit a two-run homer and Joe Saunders (10-7) pitched five innings as Los Angeles snapped a three-game losing streak. Kendry Morales and Chone Figgins added run-scoring hits for the Angels, the only major league club without four straight losses.

Orioles 5, Twins 1: Jeremy Guthrie pitched seven innings and Felix Pie homered as visiting Baltimore ended the Twins season-high five-game winning streak. Guthrie (9-12) won his second straight start, allowing six hits and one run.

Mariners 5, Athletics 3: Jose Lopez homered and newly acquired Bill Hall drove in two runs as Luke French won his third game in four decisions with host Seattle. Miguel Batista, Mark Lowe and David Aardsma kept Oakland scoreless over the final 4⅓ innings. French (4-3) allowed six hits and three runs in 5⅔ innings.

NL roundup

Astros avoid sweep; Keppinger hits key homer

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Jeff Keppinger hit a tiebreaking homer with two outs in the ninth inning as the Houston Astros rallied to beat the St. Louis Cardinals 4-3 on Thursday, avoiding a three-game sweep.

Jose Valverde (2-2) pitched two scoreless innings for the Astros, who won for only the fifth time in 19 road games. They avoided a second three-game sweep in St. Louis this season. Matt Holliday homered for the NL Central-leading Cardinals, who lost for only the fourth time in 19 games. St. Louis had won four in a row.

The Astros tied it in the eighth inning on Darin Erstad's RBI double off Kyle McClellan (4-3), spoiling Chris Carpenter's bid for his 15th victory.

Nationals 5, Cubs 4: Ryan Zimmerman hit a two-run homer and Adam Dunn added a solo shot as visiting Washington beat reeling Chicago.

Catcher Josh Bard prevented a game-tying seventh-inning run with a superb defensive play to help the Nationals win a series at Wrigley Field for the first time since 2005.

Aramis Ramirez homered, singled twice and drove in three runs but the Cubs still lost for the seventh time in 10 games. The Cubs have gone 6-15 since Aug. 5 to fall nine games behind St. Louis in the NL Central. Before that skid, they had won 14 of 19 and were tied for first place.

The Nationals are 20-21 under interim manager Jim Riggleman after going 26-61 for Manny Acta, who was fired last month. They are 14-11 in August.

Reds 8, Brewers 5: Justin Lehr overcame a rocky start to pitch into the eighth inning and also drew a key walk during visiting Cincinnati's five-run fifth, helping the Reds complete a three-game sweep.

Lehr (3-1) struck out seven in 7⅔ innings as Cincinnati matched its season-best winning streak at four. The Reds are 13-26 since the All-Star break.

Lehr settled down after a rough first inning and walked with two outs in the fifth to start Cincinnati's comeback. Joey Votto homered, drove in two runs and scored twice to help the Reds rally from a 4-0 deficit.

Mets 10, Marlins 3: Tim Red-

ding went 6⅔ innings Thursday to give the Mets' injury-ravaged pitching staff a boost and help New York snap a five-game skid.

Redding (2-4), making his second start since July 2, allowed three runs — all on leadoff homers — and five hits.

New York scored nine runs with two outs and tied a season high with 17 hits. Florida fielding lapses led to five runs.

Fernando Tatis connected in the eighth to finish 6-for-13 in the series, and Angel Pagan also homered for the Mets. Daniel Murphy doubled twice and drove in three runs. Wilson Valdez reached base four times, scored twice and drove in a run.

In Wednesday games:

Cardinals 3, Astros 2: Joel Pineiro worked eight innings and Ryan Franklin earned his NL-leading 34th save. Pineiro (13-9) allowed two runs and seven hits in winning his seventh straight decision, struggling only in the fourth when the Astros opened with four straight hits and had RBI singles by Lance Berkman and Carlos Lee. The Cardinals have won Pineiro's past 10 starts and 11 of the past 12.

The right-hander, who is 7-0 with a 2.65 ERA since July 3, relied heavily on a sinker. He struck out five and walked none.

DeRosa's two-run double capped a three-run first for the NL Central leaders.

Dodgers 6, Rockies 1: Andre Ethier hit two of Los Angeles' three home runs as the visiting Dodgers restored their NL West lead to three games over the Rockies. Colorado, which had won eight of 10, trailed Los Angeles by 15½ games on June 3.

Randy Wolf (9-6) scattered five hits over 7⅓ innings. He walked two and struck out five.

Ethier hit his 26th and 27th homers off spot starter Josh Fogg (0-2), who allowed six runs and four hits in three-plus innings.

Phillies 4, Pirates 1 (10): Ryan Howard hit a three-run home run in the 10th after Philadelphia's bullpen blew yet another lead.

The visiting Phillies, who've won 12 of 15, led 1-0 in the ninth when Brandon Moss tied it with the Pirates' first pinch-hit homer of the season. Ryan Madson's fifth blown save cost Cole Hamels his first victory since July 28.

Marlins 5, Mets 3: Josh John-

son (13-3) gave up three runs and nine hits in six innings and improved to 7-0 in his career against New York. Three relievers combined for three scoreless innings and Leo Nunez got his 16th save.

Padres 12, Braves 5: Visiting San Diego had a six-run sixth inning, and Kevin Kousseroff finished off Atlanta with a two-run homer. The last-place Padres won their second straight.

Cubs 9, Nationals 4: Milton Bradley hit a two-run homer in the third and drove in a run with a fielder's-choice grounder in the seventh for host Chicago.

Reds 4, Brewers 3 (10): Pinch-hitter Darnell McDonald doubled in the winning run in the top of the 10th. McDonald, who threw out Ryan Braun trying to score the winning run in the ninth Tuesday night, hit a liner to left that Braun misjudged.

Giants 4, Diamondbacks 3: Bengie Molina hit a pinch-hit three-run homer in the eighth for host San Francisco. Arizona's Doug Davis issued two two-out walks and was replaced by Chad Qualls (2-2), who served up Molina's third career pinch-hit homer.

A WEEKLY LOOK RACING STRIPES AT MOTORSPORTS

By TERESA M. WALKER
The Associated Press

CNASHVILLE, Tenn. Chase Elliott's favorite toy as a young boy was his Matchbox race car. He didn't crash it into walls or run it off tables.

No, he turned that little car in circles. Now Elliott is doing that with much bigger cars, even though at 13 he's three years away from legally driving on public roads. Call it the family business, genes or just fate. All the son of NASCAR great Bill Elliott knows is that he has dreamed of racing in NASCAR just like his father since playing with that toy car.

"I've never really found any other passion for anything," Chase Elliott said. "Racing's been pretty much my dream since I was little."

Though he wasn't around in 1988 when his father won the Winston Cup championship, as Sprint Cup was then known, Elliott has been going to racetracks since he was a baby and has seen plenty of his father's 804 starts on NASCAR's top level and a few of the 44 victories by the Motorsports Hall of Famer. It's why Elliott started racing dirt bikes and go-karts around the yard as soon as he was big enough to hold the handles and put his foot down.

When he wanted to start competing, he went to his father. "It's totally up to him," Bill Elliott said. "I'm not pushing him to do it. It's his decision, and when he started wanting to drive, I said, 'That's between you and your mother. You talk your mother into it, and then we'll make it work.'"

Cindy Elliott agreed but only if her son tested himself first with go-karts to see how much he really liked racing.

Chase Elliott was 8 when he started racing go-karts in northern Georgia. With the family living in Colorado for a couple of years, his first full season of racing came in 2006, when he won the state title in one division and was third in a shifter level against older children. He won six races in 2007 to defend his title.

Chase Elliott, 13, whose dad is racing great Bill Elliott, knows his way around a track, too

Like father, like son



DAVE PARKER/AP

Chase Elliott, right, celebrates with his father after Bill Elliott won the Brickyard 400 in 2002. Now 13, Chase is following in dad's famous footsteps and making a name for himself racing Late Models.

That year, he moved into the Legends Racing Series and was rookie of the year at the Atlanta Motor Speedway, winning the final two feature races. He won the 2008 Georgia State Champi-

onship for the semipro division. In the 2008-09 winter series, he won six races and finished second three times in taking the Winter Flurry Series and Georgia Winter Series titles.

In 2009, Elliott moved up to test himself against older drivers in Late Models and has been just as successful with three victories, including Aug. 10 at Anderson, S.C., where he became the

youngest winner in the history of the ASA Southeast Asphalt Tour. "We've been pretty fortunate with the luck we've had so far," Elliott said.

He can't even count how many races he's run with 20 starts this year alone. Elliott has raced in Georgia, Alabama, Florida, South Carolina and was at the Fairgrounds Speedway in Nashville last weekend, finishing eighth in a Champions Racing Association event in which he passed Kyle Busch and did something the NASCAR star couldn't — run all 150 laps.

The advantages of having grown up in the sport are obvious. Elliott has a slick Web site, sponsors whose names he rattles off easily and includes whenever possible just like an experienced driver, and a talented crew that others trying to work their way up envy. His father works as his spotter and is with him at tracks whenever his schedule allows.

If his dad is busy, then his mother or grandmother is with him at every race.

Maybe it comes from watching his father over the years, but Chase Elliott is also very polished when talking with reporters and doesn't sound like a typical eighth-grader.

"Growing up around it, I don't know if it necessarily made it easier," he said. "It's definitely a great opportunity to know the people that we know and that could play a big factor."

Elliott has his own demands. Grades can dip no lower than a B, and teachers at King's Ridge Christian School work with his family to help him make up work he misses. Luckily, races are on weekends.

But being 13 has its challenges.

He can't drive on NASCAR-sanctioned tracks because of an age limit requiring drivers to be at least 16. "That'll definitely open up some more doors as far as what I can drive. Hopefully, when I'm 16 I can move up to something bigger and get to that next step. Right now, all I really can do is run Late Models. I think that's plenty for right now."

FAST FACTS

SPRINT CUP

DRIVER STANDINGS

Through 24 of 36 races

1. Tony Stewart.....	3,564
2. Jimmie Johnson.....	3,344
3. Jeff Gordon.....	3,310
4. Denny Hamlin.....	3,141
5. Carl Edwards.....	3,110
6. Kurt Busch.....	3,103
7. Ryan Newman.....	2,995
8. Greg Biffle.....	2,986
9. Juan Montoya.....	2,975
10. Mark Martin.....	2,971
11. Kasey Kahne.....	2,963
12. Matt Kenseth.....	2,945
13. Kyle Busch.....	2,911
14. Brian Vickers.....	2,906
15. Clint Bowyer.....	2,833
16. David Reutimann.....	2,785
17. Marcos Ambrose.....	2,639
18. Jeff Burton.....	2,568
19. Joey Logano.....	2,487
20. Casey Mears.....	2,478
21. Dale Earnhardt Jr.....	2,416
22. Jamie McMurray.....	2,403
23. Martin Truex Jr.....	2,314
24. Kevin Harvick.....	2,300
25. A.J. Allmendinger.....	2,258

NATIONWIDE SERIES

This week: NAPA Auto Parts 200 at Montreal (3:30 a.m. Monday, AFN-Xtra).

Worth noting: Jacques Villeneuve is driving the No. 32 Toyota on the track named in honor of his late father. ... Mike Wallace will drive J-D Motorsports' No. 01 Chevrolet for the rest of the season, replacing Danny O'Quinn Jr. ... Carl Edwards and Marcos Ambrose will co-drive Doran Enterprises' No. 77 Ford DP on Friday in the Grand-Am race. Ambrose won the Nationwide road-course race at Watkins Glen on Aug. 8 for his first NASCAR victory.

Next race: Degree V12 300, Sept. 5, Atlanta Motor Speedway, Hampton, Ga.

Driver Standings

1. Kyle Busch.....	3,900
2. Carl Edwards.....	3,652
3. Brad Keselowski.....	3,597

CAMPING WORLD TRUCKS

This week: Enjy Illinois.com 225 at Joliet, Ill.

Worth noting: Kyle Busch is trying to complete a career sweep at Chicagoland Speedway. He won the Sprint Cup and Nationwide races last year.

Next race: Lucas Oil 200, Sept. 5, Iowa Speedway, Newton, Iowa.

Driver Standings

1. Ron Hornaday Jr.....	2,458
2. Matt Crafton.....	2,247
3. Mike Skinner.....	2,153

FORMULA ONE

This week: Belgian Grand Prix at Spa-Francorchamps, Belgium.

Worth noting: Felipe Massa was seriously injured in Hungarian Grand Prix qualifying July 26 when he was hit in the helmet by debris and crashed into a tire barrier at 120 mph. He returned home to Brazil after surgery to repair multiple skull fractures and hopes to return to racing at the Brazilian Grand Prix in October.

Next race: Italian Grand Prix, Sept. 13, Autodromo Nazionale di Monza, Monza, Italy.

Driver Standings

1. Jensen Button.....	72
2. Rubens Barrichello.....	54
3. Mark Webber.....	51.5

INDYCAR SERIES

This week: Peak Indy 300 at Joliet, Ill (Delayed, 9 a.m. Monday, AFN-Xtra).

Worth noting: There are only three races left in the season. Franchitti held off Dixon on the final lap at Chicagoland in 2007 to win the series title. Franchitti didn't return in 2008 to defend his title, however, opting to try his luck in the NASCAR Sprint Cup series.

Next race: Indy Japan 500, Sept. 19, Twin Ring Motegi, Motegi, Japan.

Driver Standings

1. Ryan Briscoe.....	497
2. Dario Franchitti.....	493
3. Scott Dixon.....	477

NHRA

Last event: Bob Tasca raced to his second Funny Car victory of the season, beating Mike Neff at Maple Grove Raceway in Mohnton, Pa. Larry Dixon (Top Fuel), J. Coughlin (Pro Stock) and Eddie Krawiec (Pro Stock Motorcycle) also won.

Next event: Mac Tools U.S. Nationals, Sept. 2-7, O'Reilly Raceway Park, Clermont, Ind.

Driver Standings

1. Antron Brown.....	1,435
2. Larry Dixon.....	1,248
3. Tony Schumacher.....	1,194
4. Cory McClenathan.....	1,040
5. Brandon Bernstein.....	1,029

Funny Car

1. Tony Pedregon.....	1,292
2. Ron Capps.....	1,219
3. Ashley Force Hood.....	1,128
4. Bob Tasca III.....	1,008
5. Jack Beckman.....	996

Pro Stock

1. Jeg Coughlin.....	1,438
2. Jason Line.....	1,373
3. Mike Edwards.....	1,349
4. Greg Anderson.....	1,222
5. Allen Johnson.....	1,076

Pro stock Motorcycle

1. Eddie Krawiec.....	1,026
2. Andrew Hines.....	837
3. Hector Arana.....	722

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Next race:
Pep Boys Auto 500
Sept. 6
Atlanta Motor Speedway
Hampton, Ga.

Last race: Kyle Busch completed a season sweep at Bristol Motor Speedway, holding off Mark Martin in a frantic four-lap sprint. Busch has four victories this season.

Worth noting: With only two races left before the cutoff for the Chase for the championship, there's very little margin for error. Busch helped his chances of getting into the Chase by winning at Bristol, but he's still on the outside of the Chase in 13th place. While he's only 34 points behind Matt Kenseth in 12th place, he's also only five points ahead of Brian Vickers in 14th place. And Busch won one of the two races in Atlanta last year.

Sports briefs

Pitino rips media over sex scandal

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — A seething Rick Pitino said he could stay on the sidelines no longer. The Louisville basketball coach said video aired Wednesday of a police interview with a woman at the heart of a sex and extortion scandal surrounding Pitino revived a “total fabrication of the truth.”

In it, Karen Cunagin Sypher accuses Pitino of sexually assaulting her, an allegation she brought to police after she was accused of trying to extort millions from the coach. Prosecutors did not pursue charges against Pitino.

Against his lawyer's advice, Pitino said he thought he needed to speak out. “Everything that's been printed, everything that's been reported, everything that's been breaking in the news on the day Ted Kennedy died is 100 percent a lie, a lie,” Pitino said in a hastily called news conference. “All of this has been a lie, a total fabrication of the truth.”

His remarks came two weeks after his five-minute apology for an “indiscretion” with Sypher at a Louisville restaurant in 2003. He told police he had sex with her there. Sypher later told Pitino she was pregnant, planned to have an abortion but did not have medical insurance. He told police he gave her \$3,000. His attorney, Steve Pence, said the money was for insurance, not an abortion.

Pitino had planned to stay mum and let the case go to trial, during which, he says, “the truth will come out.” Pitino didn't discuss details of the case. But the 56-year-old married father of five said the scandal had been “pure hell” for his wife and family and fumed at the media for airing the new video that repeated claims made in a transcript released earlier.

“Enough's enough, everybody is tired of it,” Pitino said. “We need to get on with the important things in life like the economy and really some crucial things in life like basketball. I admitted I made a mistake, and believe me I will suffer for that mistake.”

As his news conference was carried live on TV in Louisville, at least one station split the screen with Pitino on the left, and the police video of Sypher on the right.

Also:

■ Police charged former Kentucky basketball coach Billy Gillispie with drunken driving. Police dispatcher Todd Sparrow said Lawrenceburg police arrested Gillispie and took him to the nearby Franklin County Regional Jail. WLEX-TV in Lexington reported that Gillispie was pulled over in a white Mercedes around 2:45 a.m. Thursday after someone reported seeing the car being driven erratically.

Warrant: Guns taken from Mayweather's house

LAS VEGAS — Las Vegas police investigating a shooting outside a skating rink seized two handguns, ammunition and two bulletproof vests and two cars



Ed REINKE/AP

Louisville basketball coach Rick Pitino slammed the media Wednesday for what he said was reviving lies about his sex scandal with a woman charged with trying to extort millions of dollars from him.

from the home of boxer Floyd Mayweather Jr.

Search warrant documents released Thursday and obtained by the AP said one of the handguns seized Monday was loaded. No one was hurt in the shooting, and Mayweather has not been named a suspect by police.

A detective told a judge that Quincey Williams, one of the alleged victims in the Sunday night shooting, told police Mayweather threatened him. Another alleged victim told police that Mayweather Jr. stood next to a man who opened fire as he and Williams drove away.

Also:

■ The widow of boxer Arturo Gatti intends to sue the state of Pernambuco for arresting her as a prime suspect in her husband's death a month ago. Amanda Rodrigues, 23, spent 18 days in jail. Gatti, a two-time world champion from Canada, died July 11 while he and his family vacationed in the Brazilian resort town of Porto de Galinhas. A day after Gatti was found dead, police said his wife strangled him with her purse strap as he drunkenly slept. But on July 30, police ruled the 37-year-old boxer had committed suicide and Rodrigues was released from jail.

NASCAR suspends crew member

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — NASCAR has suspended a crew member for Nationwide Series driver Boris Said for violating the organization's substance-abuse policy.

NASCAR said Wednesday that Mark Norman also was banned indefinitely for actions detrimental to stock-car racing.

Norman is the seventh crew member suspended this season under NASCAR's toughened drug policy. Jeremy Mayfield is the only driver to be suspended since NASCAR began random testing this year.

Piniella: Blame me for Cubs' lousy play

CHICAGO — Lou Piniella offered himself to critics looking to blame somebody for the Chicago Cubs' disappointing season.

“Invariably, when things don't go right, it's always the manager's fault,” Piniella said before Thursday's game against Washington. “You want to blame me? Take your shots. It doesn't bother me one bit, OK?”

Piniella, who led the Cubs to NL Central titles in each of his first two seasons — the first time they reached the playoffs in consecutive years in a century — is under contract for 2010 and has said he expects to return. Chicago is nine games behind St. Louis in the Central and trails four others for the wild card.

“I'm the same manager ... this year as I was last year as I was the year before. Same manager. No different,” Piniella said. “When you don't win, somebody's got to stand up and be the scapegoat. And if you all want to say it's the manager, say it's the manager. It's fine with me.”

Also:

■ Los Angeles Dodgers relief pitcher Ronald Belisario pleaded not guilty to misdemeanor drunken driving.

■ Atlanta Braves pitcher Tim Hudson will make his first big league appearance in more than a year Monday, replacing Kenshin Kawakami for a start against the Florida Marlins. Hudson was the ace of the Atlanta staff before his season-ending elbow ligament-replacement surgery Aug. 8, 2008.

■ The Boston Red Sox activated reliever Billy Wagner and released struggling starter Brad Penny. Penny went 7-8 with a 5.61 ERA in 24 starts with Boston after signing a \$5 million, one-year contract in the offseason.

Iverson says Grizzlies make an offer

The Memphis Grizzlies' general manager refused to confirm whether the team had made an offer to Allen Iverson.

Iverson tweeted Wednesday that Memphis had made him an offer, and ESPN.com reported GM Chris Wallace confirmed the Grizzlies had made an offer. But Wallace, through a team spokesman, would say only that he did not confirm an offer to ESPN.com. “We have had a strong level of interest in Allen Iverson since the beginning of free agency and we have made that very clear to him,” Wallace said in a statement.

Big Ben accuser spoofs resignation

CARSON CITY, Nev. — A woman who accused Ben Roethlisberger of raping her at a Lake Tahoe hotel drafted her own resignation letter in an e-mail as a spoof after having sex with the Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback, according to court documents filed by lawyers seeking to dismiss the case on behalf of seven casino employees.

The e-mail and others between the woman and Guy Hyder, chief of security at Harrah's Lake Tahoe, were included in the motion filed in district

court in Reno. In one e-mail to Hyder, the woman apparently spoofed a memo from Harrah's President John Koster to staff, announcing her immediate resignation.

“She is with Big Bens child and ... she has relocated to Pittsburgh,” the e-mail said. “We wish her good luck (she will need it) in her future endeavors.”

Roethlisberger and his lawyers denied the woman's allegations, and accused her of fabricating the assault to extort a big payoff from him.

Also:

■ A judge in Virginia approved a plan for Michael Vick to repay \$20 million to his creditors and emerge from bankruptcy. U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Frank Santoro approved the plan Thursday on the condition that Vick retain a financial planner to manage his earnings with the Philadelphia Eagles.

■ Investigators in Napa, Calif., plan to interview Oakland Raiders coach Tom Cable about an altercation that ended with assistant Randy Hanson in the hospital. Hanson suffered a broken bone in his face following the Aug. 5 attack that he told police was initiated by a member of the Raiders coaching staff.

■ Simeon Rice is making a comeback with the new United Football League. The New York Sentinels announced Thursday that they had signed the defen-

sive end. Rice, 35, last played in the NFL in 2007, when he was released by the Denver Broncos and Indianapolis Colts. He had 122 sacks in 12 seasons, earning three Pro Bowl selections during his stints with the Arizona Cardinals and Tampa Bay Buccaneers. The UFL begins in October with four teams each playing a six-game schedule.

Blackhawks' Kane pleads guilty

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Chicago Blackhawks forward Patrick Kane and his cousin pleaded guilty Thursday to a noncriminal charge of disorderly conduct and were ordered to send an apology to the cab driver they were accused of roughing up over 20 cents.

The forward, 20, and his cousin, James Kane, 21, were given conditional discharges, meaning they'll avoid penalties if they stay out of trouble for a year and write apologies to cabbie Jan Radecki.

“Obviously I want to apologize to my family, the city of Buffalo, my team, the whole Blackhawks organization, obviously all the fans out there, my fans especially, just for being in a regrettable situation,” Kane said.

Radecki told police the cousins attacked him Aug. 9 when he didn't have 20 cents in change for their fare.

The driver had bruises and broken glasses.

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MLB: GOVERNMENT CHARGED WITH ERROR HANDLING DRUG LIST

Ruling is small consolation for exposed players

Appeals court says investigators overreached when they seized names of those who failed tests

By JIMMY GOLEN
The Associated Press

BOSTON — David Ortiz didn't bother getting worked up over a court decision that said investigators overreached when they seized a list of players — which included the Boston Red Sox slugger — who failed drug tests in 2003.

"I don't care," he said softly, never turning away from the clubhouse computer he was using to check his e-mail.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in a 9-2 vote on Wednesday that federal agents violated the players' protections against unreasonable searches and seizures when it confiscated a list of players who tested positive for performance-enhancing drugs.

Investigators only had a warrant for 10 test results as part of the BALCO investigation into Barry Bonds and others, the court said — not the 104 results it seized.

"This was an obvious case of deliberate overreaching by the government in an effort to seize data as to which it lacked probable cause," Chief Judge Alex Kozinski wrote, adding that the players' union had good reason to want to keep the list secret. "Some players appear to have already suffered this very harm as a result of the government's seizure."

Although the list was under seal, several names have leaked out, including Ortiz, New York Yankees star Alex Rodriguez, Los Angeles Dodgers outfielder Manny Ramirez and former Chicago Cubs slugger Sammy Sosa.

Was Ortiz disappointed the ruling came too late to save him from a maelstrom of media attention about whether he used performance-enhancing drugs?

"I guess," Ortiz, who has denied using steroids, said without ever looking away from the computer screen.

The baseball players agreed in 2003 to



Ortiz



Rodriguez



Ramirez



Sosa

survey drug testing without penalties to determine the extent of steroid use in the sport. There were 104 positive tests, though the players' union has said some could be multiple failures from the same player and others might not have held up on appeal.

In 2004, federal agents obtained a search warrant and seized the records from two labs. The court said Wednesday that the government overstepped its authority.

"A lot of people's credibility and a lot of people's dignity have been damaged in this," Atlanta Braves third baseman Chipper Jones said. "It's not fair to the clean players. It's not fair to the players who've been leaked. Get 'em all out there so we can start the healing process. It's not going to stop until they're all out there."

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Clubhouse chatter:

"Whoever's got the list, get them out of there, make us suffer for a couple days and move on. Just get the thing out. Clear the thing and move on. Move on and this game is going to be better."

Ozzie Guillen

Chicago White Sox manager



"I hate the whole systematic leaking of names, because it's never going to go away. Even though it's something that's six years old, it keeps becoming current news. It's not giving our sport a chance to heal, which it needs to do."

Joe Torre

Los Angeles Dodgers manager



"Leak the names that leaked the names. People are obviously breaking the law acquiring those names, and it's not the agreement the federal government had with Major League Baseball. Those names were court-sealed. For crying out loud, you can't release them, period."

Adam Wainwright

St. Louis Cardinals pitcher and player representative

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